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Chinese Reds Sit Down With UN And Hear A Soviet-US Verbal Duel

Lake Success, Nov. 27.

A Chinese Communist delegation sat in the United Nations meeting halls for the first time today. It sat by silently as the Soviet Union charged the United States with aggression against China and manoeuvred to prevent the US from asking 20 questions on Red China's intervention in the Korean war.

The Red Chinese were called to the Security Council table late today after the Council decided to lump the Korean and Formosan issues together in one big subject. The Russian delegate, Jacob A. Malik, attempted repeatedly to knock out any reference to Korea but the Council finally voted him down 7-1. He voted alone for his proposal, which was designed to make it impossible for U.S. delegate Warren R. Austin to ask questions of the Red Chinese about Peking's intervention in Korea.

Egypt, India and Ecuador abstained on that vote.

It was an unruly session of the Council, with M. Malik repeatedly seeking to stall off Mr Austin.

The Chinese Reds also heard a speech by Mr John Foster Dulles saying that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky and his government are plotting to break up the old Chinese-American friendship to gain advantage for the Soviet Union.

CHINESE SILENT

Through it all—in the Political Committee of the UN General Assembly and later in Security Council — Chinese Communist delegate Wu Hsuichuan and his group said nothing. Their turn will come later when the United States and the Soviet Union have fired their broadsides. The Russian team, M. Vyshinsky and M. Malik, carried the ball for them today.

M. Vyshinsky put before the Committee a resolution asking the Security Council to take the necessary steps to make certain that aggression against China by the United States, as he described it, "ceise immediately.

The Committee called off its afternoon meeting because of the Security Council session on the same problem and planned tentatively to meet tomorrow.

Those were the charges and denials by M. Vyshinsky and Mr Dulles in a cross fire across the Committee:

M. Vyshinsky: US armed forces have invaded the island of Formosa, "an integral part of China."

Mr Dulles: There has been no invasion of Formosa by American armed forces. As of Sunday there were in Formosa 44 military attaches and advisers in the US diplomatic mission.

M. Vyshinsky: The United States has clamped a naval blockade on Formosa aimed at preventing the armed forces and authorities of the "legal government" (Peking) to gain access to the island.

NO BLOCKADE

Mr Dulles: There is no blockade. Commercial traffic moves without interference by the US. The wisdom of President Truman's decision to guard UN forces in Korea by protecting their flanks had been shown by subsequent events. It would have been "awkward" for UN forces in Korea to find on their flanks some of the same armies they now are fighting in North Korea.

M. Vyshinsky: The US committed aggression by sending aircraft over Manchuria and by bombing and shooting up peaceful towns and villages.

Mr Dulles: Of 93 flights complained of, 61 were of reconnaissance character with no damage. Some bombings had occurred on the Korean side of bridges across the Yalu River on which Communist troops had crossed.

Mr Dulles said he wanted to stress that the tragedy of the whole China affair is that a third person—the Soviet Union—is trying to "poison the relationship between the American and Chinese peoples." He said the US stands loyal "to what it believes to be the true interests of China."

In the Security Council wrangling before the Council finally decided to consider the Korean and Formosan issues together, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Britain, said he would accept a generalised wording to hear Peking but insisted the aim is to end the war in Korea and prevent its spread. He called M. Malik's objections "hair-splitting of the worst sort."

M. Malik, in saying that the questions should not be combined, argued that the Peking delegation was here only to discuss its charges of American aggression against Formosa.

Mr Austin replied that the only business for the Council was discussion of charges by General Douglas MacArthur, UN Commander in the field, that Red China has thrown forces into the war against the UN.—Associated Press.

New Election Stunt

London, Nov. 27.

Conservatives have added the mystical value of playing cards to the election campaign devices they hope will regain political power for them in the next election.

In a drive to boost Party membership, Maj. - Gen. Donald Bateman, secretary of the Association of Conservative Clubs, ordered 100,000 packs of the cards, which are known as "V for victory" packs.

They carry a slogan: "For the best deal."—Associated Press.

SENTENCE COMMUTED

Washington, Nov. 27.

The Army announced today that President Harry Truman has commuted the death sentence a court martial imposed on First Lieutenant Leon A. Gilbert of York, Pennsylvania, to 20 years confinement at hard labour.

Mr Truman's order also called for Gilbert's dismissal from the service and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Gilbert, a negro, was found guilty by a court martial in York of "misbehaving in front of the enemy." He was charged specifically with failure to obey orders from superior officers to return to his post with a forward platoon of the 25th Division.

Gilbert was serving with the 24th Infantry Regiment at the time of his offence, July 31. He had been in the army more than 10 years, and had been an officer for over four years.

The court martial findings and sentence were reviewed by the Army Judge Advocate General and forwarded to the President for final decision.—Associated Press.

TB Death Rate

Penang, Nov. 27.

Deaths from tuberculosis are running high in the Penang settlement in Malaya.

Government officials reported to the Penang Council meeting that 340 patients died in the Pulau Jerejak Hospital between September 16, 1946, and October 22, 1950.

A total of 221 cases were discharged as recovered. — Associated Press.

WHOLE UN LINE ON DEFENSIVE

Victory Of Muscle Over Machine

REDS PAYING DEARLY FOR SUCCESSES

(From Lionel Crane)

Tokyo, Nov. 27.

With the withdrawal of the 24th American division from Chongju the whole United Nations' line in northwest Korea is now on the defensive.

This is the second time this division has come back from Chongju. They left it at the end of October when their flank was threatened by the first Chinese break-through and they moved out again yesterday for exactly the same reason.

Frontline news was still bad early today and official spokesmen describe the situation in such phrases as "quite confused" and "fluid" and they speak of "limited withdrawals".

The Reds' success so far has been a victory of muscle over machine. They are armed only with rifles, mortars and light field guns yet they have thrown back the United Nations' advance backed by tanks, heavy artillery and all the most modern war machinery.

DAYLIGHT ATTACK

For the first time yesterday the Reds attacked in daylight. Blasted from the air with fire, bombs and rockets they still threw in wave after wave of troops against the South Korean positions near Taechon and gained some ground. The most dangerous spot is still Tokchon at the eastern end of the line where the American 2nd Division was left in a perilous position after the 2nd Korean Corps had been disrupted by the Reds.

The 27th British Commonwealth Brigade raced west across crumbling roads yesterday to help the American plug this hole which leaves a dangerous opening to Pyongyang and the south.

The Communists are paying for their success in thousands dead and wounded but they still keep coming forward.

Prisoners taken last night said they were from the 39th Chinese Army and that the 40th Chinese Army was in Korea ready to attack.

It is now known that the thousands of North Koreans who were fleeing in disorganised groups to the border have been collected by the Chinese, reformed, and put back into the fight making the total enemy force over 100,000.

When the United Nations began to advance under the optimistic direction of General MacArthur they committed almost all the forces they could spare. A Headquarters' spokesman said, "We have not much left in the kitty".

It is feared that because of this Red pressure the United Nations may be compelled to form a more easily held line further south.

The bitterly cold weather is proving an ally for the enemy.

The Yalu has started to freeze and vehicle tracks over the ice have already been seen. Not all planes in the Far East would be able to destroy a natural bridge that size.—London Express Service.

Ingenuity Brings Its Own Reward

With U.S. Second Infantry Division in Korea, Nov. 27.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hadley Richardson Jr. of the Second Division artillery used a mine detector in completing a mission of rounding-up hidden weapons from villages near his command post.

Accompanied by an interpreter, Lt-Col. Richardson went to the nearest village and told the village chief that he knew they had weapons and he had a machine with which to find them. Col. Richardson passed the mine detector over a stack of rice straw and uncovered a sickle lost by the owner months ago. From another stack he pulled out farm tools.

The villagers went home and returned with weapons. Word of the incident travelled ahead of Col. Richardson and his men. As they went from village to village the elders were waiting for them with piled up weapons.—United Press.

MacArthur May Ask Permission To Bomb Manchuria

Washington, November 27.

A usually reliable diplomat said tonight that General MacArthur is expected to ask the Administration here for permission to bomb Manchuria and possibly to cross its border if no agreement is reached between the Western Powers and the Chinese Communists at the United Nations. This does not mean, however, that General MacArthur would receive such permission.

The diplomatic source said that several Western European nations are aware of the possibility of the General making such a request, so there is keen interest to see if the Communist delegation has any reasonable conditions to offer. For example, he said, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, head of the British UN delegation, is trying to see the Chinese early this week to hear what they have to say and to make certain proposals approved by the British Government.

The source said that if Sir Gladwyn meets the delegation he will propose the creation of a neutral strip of territory on each side of the Korean-Manchurian border to assure that electric power from the river dams reaches Manchuria and Korea in fair proportions.

He commented that the proposal for such strips on both sides of the border shows that Britain is not in favour of appeasement at any price. He said that contrary to some newspaper reports, the British Government has not received any request from the Administration here to avoid any contact with the Chinese Communist delegation. He said the war in Korea is causing considerable concern to the British Government.

The source added that while the prospect of the Korean war being extended to Manchuria or other parts of China is causing anxiety, the British and other Western European countries are hardly likely to refuse to support it if the United States government reluctantly found this to be necessary.—United Press.

Retreat Still Goes On

With Ninth Corps, Nov. 28.

The United States 24th Division pulled back two miles last night.

Other United Nations troops in the Ninth Corps area also recoiled in front of the heavy enemy attack.—United Press.

Air Force Active In N. Korea

Tokyo, Nov. 28.

Fifth Air Force fighters raced northward at the first light of the day to resume the close support battle against the Communist drive.

F-51s and F-80 jets of the Fifth Air Force took off into clear weather, hoping to equal yesterday's effort that sent 800 sorties against the enemy with an estimated toll of 250 enemy troops killed and severe damage to Communist supplies, equipment and vehicles.

The air attack was again an around-the-clock effort with 38 night intruders sorties by B-26s, plaguing the enemy until daylight.

One flight of B-26s strafed and bombed a convoy of 30 to 50 enemy vehicles moving southward about 30 miles north of Huichon at 4 a.m. The bombers were unable to estimate the damage.

DEMOLITION BOMBS

Superforts ranged up and down the enemy communications lines in the north and northwest of the battle area, splattering enemy towns and villages with 170 tons of fire bombs and 1,000-pound demolition bombs.

Troop concentrations and supplies moving towards the front were bombed in the vicinities of Kusong, Huichon, Kanggye and other centres. B-29s from Okinawa bombed supply and reinforcement centres near the Yalu River, including Manjopin. In the northeast, B-29s bombed Musan.

Fifth Air Force fighters flew all the day destroying ammo

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Seeks Honour For Al Jolson

Washington, Nov. 27.

Representative Louis Heller (Democrat, New York) today introduced a bill to award the Congressional Medal of Honour posthumously to the jazz singer, Al Jolson, who died of a heart attack last month a few weeks after returning from Korea where he had entertained American troops.

Mr Heller said that Jolson, "without regard to his health, unselfishly and instinctively gave his strength to entertain members of the armed services in and around Korea."—United Press.

Pennsylvania Again Being Snowed Under By A New Storm

40 Ins. Fall In West Virginia

Chicago, Nov. 27.

Fresh snow fell in Pennsylvania today as millions of Easterners fought food shortages, floods and power failures while trying to dig out from under the big weekend storm.

A United Press survey showed 217 deaths attributed to the storm and cold weather in the United States and Canada and there were indications the figure would mount considerably when communications are restored in isolated areas.

It was the worst storm of its type in 37 years and in area exceeded the worst punches the weather had ever thrown before.

Snow was falling in Western Pennsylvania and the Western Bureau predicted "several inches" during the next 24 hours on top of the heavy weight of flakes already on the ground. Occasional light snow also was forecast for Ohio, whose principal cities were prostrated by the storm. Experts said, however, that the big blow of 1950 was definitely tapering off.

Some sections of West Virginia were smothered under 40 inches of snow. The nation's most important industrial area, the steel-producing Ohio River valley which was just gearing to the war effort, suffered a devastating blow. Silent and peaceful snowfields halted transportation, keeping workers at home and forcing the big plants of Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Erie and Altoona to shut down.

PARALYSED

High water drove more than 3,000 persons from their homes in Pennsylvania, and thousands more were homeless due to high tides along the Atlantic coast. Most of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and part of New York State was paralysed under drift snow which in some places towered 15 feet above street level. Schools closed and industries shut down, while business was at a standstill. Normal life is expected to be disrupted for days.

At Cleveland, where more than 30 cases of looting were reported, National Guardsmen patrolling the streets were ordered to "shoot to kill" at any prowlers caught breaking into abandoned business houses.

Millions of Americans were shoved back 100 years in time by the storm. Like their pioneer forefathers, they found themselves fighting food and other shortages. They were without electricity and telephones and for transportation they went back to hiking.—United Press.

Grounding Of BOAC Argonauts

Mail To Go As Usual Says PMG

Although the BOAC Argonauts on the Far East service have been grounded until a settlement has been reached with the electricians on strike at the London Airport, BOAC in Hongkong this morning said they would make arrangements for passengers and freight booked through them to be transported by other airlines, while Mr L. C. Saville, the Postmaster-General told the China Mail that he was making arrangements to continue forwarding air mail from Hongkong to London.

"As far as I am concerned, I see no reason why the mail should not get here via Singapore," said Mr Saville. "I have sent a cable Home to check."

Mr Saville indicated that he expected to continue a thrice-a week air mail service between the Colony and London.

The local office of BOAC revealed this morning that the Corporation is not chartering any planes to maintain the normal service route.

With regard to the emergency shuttle service between Singapore, Hongkong and Tokyo, which the United Kingdom office announced it had arranged, the Hongkong office said no communication had so far been received on the subject.

However an announcement will be made to the public as soon as a directive has been received from London.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Hongkong's Education Week

THE idea of an Education Week in Hongkong is admirable. In the first place it is novel, which automatically makes it commendable; secondly it throws an entirely new public light on the present day type of education as dispensed in this Colony; thirdly it brings pupils, teachers, parents and friends together in an intimate atmosphere of mutual interest in what is being attempted, what is being achieved and what, perhaps, might be desirable for future curricula; fourthly, it helps to give children a becoming sense of their importance in the world of scholarly and cultural advancement. We congratulate wholeheartedly the Education authorities both for the idea and the manner in which it is this week being translated into effect. Because, as it has been said, no other feature of the Colony's community life claims so much attention from the public as does education, this distinctive mark of endeavour in the interests of Hongkong has borne its full mete of criticism. Yet this Education Week should satisfy the most carping of critics that achievement outweighs failure, and that education here is alive, pulsating and progressive. His Excellency the Governor scored to strike the keynote of this week's exhibitions when he observed that he considered it as much the administration's duty as it is the teacher's to keep constantly in mind that not only does education mean schooling as most of us understand it, but that it should also prepare the minds of the students that they may help human progress through individual and social development. Our appreciation of this week's activities, both in and out of school, is that they will demonstrate to the public that it is precisely this ideal which local, present-day education in Hongkong is striving to fulfil. Initiative, civic consciousness and a sense of responsibility: these are the attributes which must be developed in schoolchildren if they are to take their proper place in the world when they have completed their academic studies. And it is gratifying to observe that it is these qualities which local education is now striving to encourage. Neither the facilities for education, nor the educational system are by any means perfect. Yet both problems are being treated as a matter of urgency in Hongkong and much progress has been made towards resolving them. Two factors have mitigated against faster progress. (1) lack of funds to build more schools; (b) shortage of qualified teachers. Neither problem is peculiar to Hongkong: and, in fact, it can be fairly claimed that this Colony has tackled both with as much resolution as any other part of the Commonwealth. Nevertheless, until Hongkong can offer to all children who earnestly desire education, facilities for schooling, we shall not fully have realised our responsibilities in this important feature of community life. It is an objective worthy of attainment. In the meantime, our Education Authorities deserve all encouragement in their heavy task, and this week the public can give them a measure of it by accepting the invitation to visit schools and attend the various other Education Week functions which offer a much clearer picture than can words of just how well the young people of today are being prepared for tomorrow.

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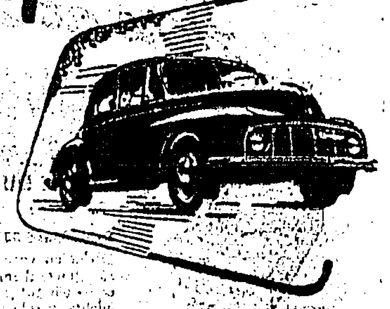

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Russians Providing Obstacle

New York, Nov. 27.

The New York Herald Tribune today said the Russian reply to the United States proposal regarding the Japanese peace treaty "ranges at large over the American suggestions without placing special emphasis on any of them."

The editorial added: "But there is an impassable obstacle to an early meeting of the Asiatic Big Four on the Japanese treaty. The Russians would not compromise on their insistence on Red China's representation at the peace conference while the United States is on the worst terms with that regime and recognises only the Nationalists. It is this factor rather than any particular phase of the American plan which will either postpone the Japanese treaty indefinitely or make it necessary for the United States and those nations which have not yet recognised the Mao government to conclude a separate treaty with Japan.

"Since the West itself is divided on the question of China progress toward a treaty on any terms is certain to be very slow ..... while this would not forbid the United States from making arrangements with Japan which would have the same effect as a peace treaty it does leave the final issue in suspension."—United Press.

Guerillas' Commander Identified

Seoul, Nov. 27.

Korean military sources here tonight identified the commander of some 12,000 Communist guerillas behind the United Nations lines as Communist Brigadier-General Kim Chaik.

These sources said that Kim was Deputy Commander of one of the North Korean divisions which was scattered when the United Nations troops rolled up to the 38th Parallel in September.

They said he is in charge of all guerilla activities north of the Parallel.

It is believed that Kim's headquarters are somewhere in the Ichon area of East Central Korea, the centre of much of the recent guerilla activities.

These sources said that the military authorities were still not certain of the identity of another Communist commander leading about the same number of guerillas in South-West Korea.—Reuter.

Engagement On Ice

Two ice skaters who left their homes in Sydney to try their luck in England have just become engaged. They are 21-year-old Pat Gregory and Harold Downey. She has the leading role in "Dick Whittington on Ice" at the Empire Pool, Wembley, while he is one of the chorus skaters as well as his fiancee's business manager. Here the couple are telephoning the news of their engagement to Pat's mother in Sydney. — AP Photo.

Heavy Going At Pau Conference

Pau, Nov. 27.

A former Prime Minister of France, M. Albert Garraut, presiding at today's final session of the conference between France and the three associated States of Indo-China, denied that there had been serious disagreement between the conference.

The conference opened on June 20 to discuss the setting up of a common Federal economic and administrative services to cover the functions exercised by France over the whole of Indo-China before the transfer of authority to the National Government last year.

Summing up the work of the conference, he said that agreement had been reached between the states on external trade, immigration, Customs, reconstruction and postal services.

"France wanted in these talks to be treated as an equal," he said. "We worked for results and not to play to the gallery."

He emphasised that the conference has had to deal with political as well as economic problems.

Each State wanted a fair share in the former Indo-Chinese Federation and was "suspicious of its neighbour getting perferential treatment."

Moreover, the three new States were afraid of witnessing a rebirth of the former Frence Federation in a disguised form —Reuter.

Three Million More Cyclists In Britain

London, Nov. 27.

The revival of cycling in Britain has reached a post-war peak, with three million more cyclists on the roads than in 1939.

The Cyclists Touring Club said: "We have already added 2,500 new members to our 1949 total of 53,000 and with new applications reaching us by the score each day, we shall soon be reaching our all-time record of 60,000."

The average price of the ordinary roadster in Britain today ranges between £15 and £17.—Reuter.

PUZZLE OF KOREA UNANSWERED

Speculation On Chinese Military Objective

Chongchon River Line May Provide Testing Point

Seoul, Nov. 27.

The fierce Communist counter-offensive on the Chongchon River tonight gave General Douglas MacArthur part of the answer to the puzzle of how the Chinese Communists would react to the United Nations' effort to advance in force on the Manchurian border.

But it has still left unanswered the major part of the puzzle—were the Chinese interested only in keeping their border clear of American troops or did they intend to attempt to drive the United Nations forces clear out of North Korea?

It seemed probable that the answer to this part of the question would come soon, too.

Reports from the battle-fronts tonight showed nothing short of a miracle—and these have been notoriously scarce in this war—could keep the hard-pressed United Nations armies from falling back on to the Chongchon River.

It was here that General Walton H. Walker formed his defence line across the neck of the peninsula almost four weeks ago when the Chinese Communists swooped down from Manchuria and frustrated the swift advance to the frontier.

On that occasion, the Communists, having accomplished this, drew back. Then, for three weeks, they sat on the other side of an eight-mile wide No-Man's-Land, showing no aggressive intentions except when United Nations patrols came too near.

The Communists still held their line for the first day of the new United Nations offensive, allowing the Eighth Army to come close up before striking back.

CHONGCHON THE TEST

Up to this point the actions of the Chinese Communists could be reconciled with their repeated declarations that they were concerned only with safeguarding the power plants on the Yalu River and the integrity of their frontier.

It seemed to observers here tonight that the strength of the Chinese Communist assertions would be determined on the Chongchon. If they drove back the United Nations troops to this point, then stopped, it would appear that they were, in fact, mainly concerned with the creation of a "buffer strip" between their border and the United Nations forces.

If they drove on—or attempted to do so—it would widen the scope of their intervention into an attempt to clear the United Nations troops out of North Korea completely.

BARGAINING CARD

Speculation here tonight, though divided on these two possibilities — leaned slightly in favour of a Communist halt on the Chongchon.

But this did not mean that such a course would be motivated only by the Chinese concern about the frontier and the power plants.

It was believed here that by halting on the river line the Chinese Communists would avoid the risk of provoking the West into open conflict, would keep the United Nations members engaged in what is rapidly becoming an embarrassing and, perhaps the most important of all, retain a bargaining card for the discussions at Lake Success. — Reuter.

Strangled Four Of Her Children

Flensburg, Nov. 27.

The police here said today that a 41-year-old woman had confessed to strangling four of her children because she could not support them.

She had told the police that two other children had died from natural causes.—Reuter.

BATTLE OF SULTANS IN SULU

Manila, Nov. 27.

Sulu has two proclaimed sultans—one secular and the other clerical—with the former apparently having the inside track for spiritual leadership of the Mohammedan area of the Southern Philippines.

The Council of Datus (chiefs) proclaimed Datu Jamalul Abirin to succeed his father, the late Sultan Jainal Abirin, as ruler of the Sulu area a week ago. However, 100 Moro priests had proclaimed Datu Esmail Kiram the new sultan. The Council of datus meeting on Nov. 21 refused to recognise this choice of Kiram.

It happened once before in Sulu. The selection of the late Sultan Kiram in Maimbung was rejected by the Egas datus some years ago and this stirred up a civil war between followers of the two factions. A few days ago the authorities in Sulu put the police on the alert for possible trouble in the present dispute but there has been no incident.

A report from Jolo said the new sultan proclaimed by the council was authorised to appoint 10 ranking datus as the advisory council. His coronation is due next month. He appeared to have the support of the people.

The Moro priests' attitude was not announced. — United Press.

Middle Class To Dominate Philippines

Manila, Nov. 27.

To give impetus to early establishment in the Philippines of a "dominant middle class," Senator Enrique B. Magalona favours limiting individual wealth to the sum of not more than 200,000 pesos (US$100,000).

The Liberal Party Senator has not made a formal proposal in Congress but voiced the plan in talks with colleagues.

As a prelude to the move he may take in that direction, he urged today that the authorities enforce strictly the Commonwealth Act he authored two years ago providing for free distribution of lots of 24 hectares of land each for agricultural purposes from the public domain. He said such action would hasten implementation of the Bell Report.

Senator Magalona will introduce another measure in Congress to aid the early creation of a "dominant middle class" in the Philippines.—United Press.

Buchenwald Mistress Cracking Up

Ausburg, Bavaria, Nov. 27.

Ilse Koch, the notorious "mistress" of Buchenwald concentration camp, lost some of her composure tonight towards the end of the first day of her fresh trial for atrocity charges.

She kept taking her handkerchief out of a pocket to wipe perspiration from her hands while the Presiding Judge, Dr Fritz Maginot, was cross-examining her.

There were roars of laughter in the overcrowded court-room when, in replying to one of his questions, she declared: "I never owned a whip and I never saw any ill-treatment of prisoners. I did nothing but take care of my husband and children as becomes a loving wife."

Before that, the red-haired, green-eyed and tight-lipped woman sat unmoved for hours while prosecuting witnesses were heard.—Reuter.

COURTESY COPS PLAN IN BRITAIN

London, Nov. 27.

Britain's traffic experts believe that a gentle hint to a rash driver may do more good than a police court charge.

Alarmed by the growing death toll—there are nearly 300,000 accidents a year—the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is to start a "courtesy" campaign.

They will urge the appointment of "courtesy cops"—smooth-talking policemen who would give away copies of the highway code instead of handing out summonses.

Stationed at strategic traffic points, they would stop erring drivers—or jay-walkers—and give friendly advice. Drivers would be told to let pedestrians pass first, and pedestrians urged to wait for a moment before the traffic had gone by. Summonses would be issued only as a last resort.

"Courtesy cops" were appointed in Lancashire before the war, but the system lapsed because of the falling strength in the police force.—Reuter.

Get Thrill From Danger In Factory

London, Nov. 27.

Factory workers in Britain get a thrill out of using dangerous machines, according to a report to the Institute of Industrial Technicians. Production falls off when guards are put on to machines.

The report tells of tests and questions put to 200 machine operators—30 of them women.

It says: "Almost without exception they thought that, for themselves, mechanical guarding of the machines was superfluous. All seem to derive some satisfaction from being able to work an unguarded machine, and they did not like the same work so much if the machine was thoroughly guarded.

"It is thought that in some way the unambitious man satisfies his desire for adventure by 'getting the better' of his machine."—Reuter.

Korean MP's Accused

Seoul, Nov. 27.

Three members of the South Korean Assembly were branded as Communist collaborators today by a special Parliamentary Investigating Commission.

The Commission reported that another 18 members of the Assembly who had remained in Seoul under the Communist occupation had not intentionally co-operated with the Communists and were, therefore, cleared of any charges.—Reuter.

Wishful Thinking In Soviet Press

Moscow, Nov. 27.

Pravda today printed seven full columns, the theme of which was serious dissensions within the Atlantic bloc caused by the Korean war and the United States policy in Formosa and the rearming of Germany.

The editorial article said the American imperialists hoped the deterioration of the international situation would facilitate consolidation of the Atlantic bloc and secure agreement on the remilitarisation of Germany.

However, Pravda said: "In recent days the American Press began to attack the value of the Korean war on the viability of the Atantic bloc in an entirely different spirit.

"Now, the American Press poses the question—Won't the Korean War result in full disintegration of the Atlantic Union, and the international isolation of the United States?"

Pravda answered the question affirmatively by quoting the opinion of leading American, British and French periodicals and commentators of the inter-Allied trials and disagreements resulting from the tough American foreign policy in the Far East and Germany.

Citing misgivings of Britain in connection with General MacArthur's leadership, the paper said one British parliamentarian called MacArthur Russia's secret weapon.

It told the mere mention of "MacArthur's doctrine of "hot pursuit of the enemy even into Chinese territory" caused cold shudders among Englishmen and other Allies, and the Australians had virtually presented an ultimatum that the United intended to spread the war to China.

Pravda cited American observers listing these factors causing discord in the Atlantic Union. British doubts on the extent of rearmament and desire to enjoy greater independence; French opposition to remilitarisation of Germany; different views between the Americans, British and French on the recent Soviet proposals on Germany; growing strength of the Schumacher group in West Germany, — complicating the problem of rearmament.—United Press.

Odd People & Unusual Happenings

Zurich, Nov. 27.

More than 20,000 claims for damage have been lodged by farmers this year with the Swiss Society for Insurance against Hail.

They are calculated to cost the Society 18,500,000 Swiss francs (£1,500,000) in compensation during the next few days of paying-out.

This year has been one of the worst ever experienced by the Society or by the farmers. During the spring and early summer a succession of extremely violent hailstorms swept the country, causing widespread damage to fruit crops and vines.—Reuter.

A FISH STORY

Melbourne, Nov. 27.

A Rosedale district resident baited a couple of rabbit traps with liver, placed them on a log below the water line of the Thomson River—and caught a four-pound trout.

The fisherman does not intend to reveal his identity.—Reuter.

TOOK WRONG BOTTLE

Granada, Nov. 27.

Jesus Suarez Soto, a Granada waiter, drank a quarter of a bottle of what he thought was wine before going to bed.

In the morning his wife found that he had drunk insecticide. But Soto slept peacefully and on being taken to hospital appeared to have suffered no ill-effects.—Reuter.

SOMEBODY LIKES 'EM

Melbourne, Nov. 27.

Ability to play bagpipes has not kept five Scots out of Australia—it has got them jobs and homes here instead.

The Wahgaratta Caledonian Society, in an effort to get a pipe band together, advertised in Scotland and drew 60 responses from which a pipe major, a drum major and three other ranks were chosen.—Reuter.

GYPSIES OUTSMARTED

Burgas, Nov. 27.

Four men, posing as detectives, "arrested" six gypsies as a "horse fair began here but agreed to let them carry out some deals if they deposited 40,000 pesetas (£400) as a condition that they would appear at the police station later.

The gypsies handed over the money and later found that they had been tricked.—Reuter.

DIPROTODONS FOUND

Adelaide, Nov. 27.

Skeletons between seven and eight feet long, which were found recently, are thought to be the extinct giant wombat—the diprotodon.

The skeletons were found by an expedition party on an island in North Lake Eyre.

The Director of the South Australian Museum, Mr H. M. Hale, said that specimens from Lake Eyre would amplify the recorded knowledge of past conditions there.—Reuter.

CIGARETTE ROMANCE

Istanbul, Nov. 27.

Fatma Yamut, aged 19, employed in a cigarette factory at Malatya, Turkey, slipped a small photograph of herself into a box of a popular brand with a note which said: "If the man who buys this is a bachelor, here is my address. I want to get married."

Three weeks later, Kazim Apaydin, aged 22, a bank clerk of Kayas, Ankara, who had bought the packet, arrived in Malatya to propose to Fatma. He was accepted.—Reuter.

Venezuela's New Dictator

Caracas, Nov. 27.

Suarez Flamerich, 43, today became president of the junta ruling Venezuela. He succeeds President Delgado who was assassinated two weeks ago.

Suarez Flamerich, a former law school Dean and former acting Foreign Minister, was a political prisoner in 1928 during the regime of Dictator Juan Vincent Gomez.—United Press.

UN Commission Gets To Work In Korea

Seoul, Nov. 27.

The United Nations Commission for the unification and rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK) held its first meeting in Korea today.

The Commission arrived here yesterday after holding preliminary talks in Tokyo.

The first meeting here was devoted to matters of procedure.

It was decided to have a rotating chairmanship for a month at a time among the seven members of the Commission—Australia, Chile, The Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and Turkey.

The present chairman, Mr Mian Ziauddin, of Pakistan, agreed to remain in office until the end of December.

The Commission also decided to visit the former Communist capital, Pyongyang, soon.

An open meeting will be held later this week. After that all sessions will be in private.

Before its meeting in Tokyo, the Commission paid a formal call on Dr Syngman Rhee, the President of the Republic of Korea, at his residence.

The Korean Press was unanimous in its welcome of the Commission.

The newspapers generally were confident that, with the return of peace to Korea, the Commission would be able to achieve its primary objective—the unification of the country.

The conservative "Seoul Shinmun," however, declared: "The former United Nations Commission was deceived, was mocked by the North Koreans, and so achieved little.

"We ask the new Commission to bear this in mind and be firm when dealing with the Chinese Communists. We would remind the Commission also that, behind the Chinese Communists there is always the Kremlin."—Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

GIANT ECONOMIC PLAN TO FIGHT COMMUNISM IN ORIENT

London, Nov. 27.

Official quarters said today that details of a giant economic plan, costing nearly £2,000,000,000 sterling, to throttle Communism in Southern Asia would be laid before Parliament in a White Paper tomorrow.

The White Paper will be introduced at question time by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, as "one of the historic documents of our time."

The Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr Patrick Gordon Walker, said the White Paper would be based on a report prepared at the meeting of the Commonwealth government Ministers in London in September. The report will be called the "Colombo Plan for co-operative development in South and Southeast Asia" and would detail plans for developing the natural resources of that area, which contains one-quarter of the world's population.

The main objective of the plan was said to be increased production and supplies of food adequate for a population which Mr Gaitskell estimated would increase by 150,000,000 in the next 20 years.

HIGHEST PRIORITY

The Colombo Plan was said to embody "projects of the highest priority" not only for Commonwealth countries but for all countries in Southern Asia in an overall six-year development scheme. The plan would be carried out as far as possible by the governments of the countries concerned, but the plan as a whole would be in close co-ordination with specialised agencies of the United Nations and President Truman's Point IV plan.

The Council for Technical Co-operation, which will administer the plan from headquarters in Colombo, would consist of one representative of each co-operating government. Officials said the aim of the Council would be to create an international flow of capital to Southern Asia, with the aim of raising the living standard through economic development. —United Press.

Mt. Etna Again In Eruption

Catania, Nov. 27.

Ten thousand-foot Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano, boiled over again today in its most spectacular eruption in 27 years.

Streams of red hot lava flowed to within less than two miles of the village of Fornazzo.

The mountain spits lava from 37 "mouths," and deadly masses roll into the empty bed of the Fontanello river.

Scientists on the scene said it would take the molten rock about 12 hours to close the river-bed at its present flow. Then it was expected to resume its advance at an average speed of 114 feet per hour. The lava, pushing more than a mile down the side of the mountain, also posed a possible danger to the town of Giarre, with a population of more than 18,000.—United Press.

An avalanche of molten lava was tonight advancing relentlessly towards an isolated group of houses on the north-eastern slope of erupting Mount Etna volcano.

Latest reports from the volcano area indicated that the smoking lava stream would probably spare nearby villages but that by late tomorrow it would have swallowed up some dozen evacuated houses lying in its track.

An official communique issued tonight said that the eruption force of the volcano, which has been in action for the past 48 hours, was still increasing in volume though the flow of lava remained constant.—Reuter.

Schumacher Wins Bavaria

Munich, Nov. 27.

Dr Kurt Schumacher's Social Democrats won the Bavarian Parliamentary elections.

The final tabulation of votes today showed the Bavarian Party, a separatist right-wing, behind the Social Democrats in second place, followed by the Refugee Bloc.

The Communists had very little support.

The Social Democrats hailed their success as a new victory for their "go slow" policy on rearmament.—Reuter.

Hands Off Decision By India

New Delhi, Nov. 27.

The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, said today that India would not meddle in the internal affairs of its tiny mountain neighbour, Nepal.

Mr Nehru was previously reported as saying in a speech that India would not recognise Nepal's boy king, Gyanendra, placed on the throne by the Nepali Prime Minister, Mohun Shumsher Rana recently during a 10-day political upheaval.

On his return here from Jamshedpur, Mr Nehru denied reports of his speech and added: "The question of recognition or non-recognition of the boy king is a big one and has grave national and international complications. When it is decided, naturally a statement will be made."

The Indian Government did not desire to interfere in the internal affairs of Nepal, but geographical facts could not be ignored. — United Press.

Rita Going To Hollywood

Madrid, Nov. 27.

The film star, Rita Hayworth, said here today that, with her husband, Prince Aly Khan's authorisation, she intended to return to Hollywood next spring to appear in several films.—Reuter.

Vatican Office Appointment

Rome, Nov. 27.

Pope Pius XII today nominated Monsignor Amleto Tondini, a member of the Vatican Secretariat of State, as Regent of the Apostolic Chancery, the chief Vatican office for the issuing of Papal Bulls and other documents.

Both the office of the Regent of the Chancery and that of the Chancellor have been vacant for some time.

The Pope himself is at present Secretary of State. He relinquished the post on his election as Pontiff. The Pope is assisted by Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini as acting Secretary of State.—Reuter.

Probe Into US Company Stock Sales

Albany, New York, Nov. 27.

New York State Attorney-General Goldstein is to investigate the sale of stock by the American-Canadian Uranium Company Ltd., a prospecting and mining corporation headed by the former United States Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr Paul V. McNutt.

Delaware Attorney Josiah Marvel, Junior, former Ambassador to Denmark, is Vice-President of the company.

Mr Goldstein said the company went ahead with plans to advertise stock offered to the public for $1,750,000 despite his warning that he would investigate the offering. The stock offered to the public represents only a 17 percent interest in the firm, while "insiders" who are putting up only $92,089, hold control of the remaining 83 percent, he alleged.

The Company's own prospectus emphasised the firm had found no proven commercial ore deposits in the areas it plans to exploit in Saskatchewan province, Canada, he said, adding that some of the practices of the company bear close study.—United Press.

Anglo-Egypt Finance Talks

London, Nov. 27.

Nine financial experts from Egypt arrived at London Airport today for talks with Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

They are to discuss a long-term or permanent settlement of Egypt's sterling balances, believed to amount to £270,000,000.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Bey, on his way from the United States in the Queen Elizabeth, will lead the Egyptian delegation.

Accompanying today's delegation was Mr L. Wright, the British Treasury representative in the Middle East.—Reuter.

Free Holiday For Ex-POW

Perth, Nov. 27.

An Asiatic engineer's assistant who helped Australian prisoners-of-war in Borneo will holiday in Australia at the Commonwealth's expense to recuperate from Japanese bashings.

He is Johnny Funk, who during the early war years was a technical assistant with the Borneo Public Works Department at Sandakan.

Johnny Funk was found by an Australian Government representative sent to reward Asiatics who helped during the war. He was sent to Singapore for medical treatment, will holiday in Australia and then return to his job.—Reuter.

INDIAN STAND ON JAP TREATY

Washington Nov. 27.

Authoritative sources said today that India agreed with the United States' position that Japan must be permitted to rearm once the peace treaty was signed. They said, however, that India opposed that portion of the seven-point American plan for writing a peace treaty which envisaged the continued presence of United States forces on Japanese soil after the signing of the pact.

Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the United States, will present her country's initial reactions to the seven-point American plan at a meeting in New York later this week with Mr John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy adviser who is in charge of arrangements for the peace conference. Madame Pandit plans to leave for New York on Tuesday morning in connection with her country's complaint in the United Nations that South Africa is guilty of racial discrimination against persons of Indian descent. One of the major points Madame Pandit is expected to hammer home during her talk with Mr Dulles is that India believes there can be no really effective peace treaty for Japan without the participation of Communist China.

India is understood to contend that writing into the peace treaty any provision for the American forces to remain in Japan to defend that country would constitute violation of Japanese sovereignty after Tokyo has come to formal peace terms with its former enemies.

INDIAN REASONING

However, there were indications that India would not oppose the idea of the United States and Japan making a separate, bilateral pact to accomplish this end if they waited until after the treaty had been signed.

The idea behind Indian reasoning is that in the latter case it would be a question of an already sovereign Japan taking on itself freely-negotiated obligations.

Madame Pandit is expected to tell Mr Dulles that India sees no possibility of much headway toward the Japanese treaty until several questions concerning Communist China are resolved. The Indians consider a major question the matter of Chinese Red participation in the Korean war.—United Press.

Relief Work In PI

Manila, Nov. 28.

The Philippine National Red Cross is distributing urgently needed relief supplies to stricken population in the Central and Southern provinces battered by the typhoon last week. Five lives were lost and nearly 20,000 persons left homeless.

The official survey, still incomplete, showed 200,000 houses in 19 towns destroyed or damaged. During the week-end relief supplies were distributed by the Red Cross to 12,500 sufferers in the typhoon-devastated towns of Bohol and Cebu islands and Iloilo City on Panay Island. Food relief is being taken to all stricken areas throughout the Visayan Islands of Central Philippines and Northern Mindanao farther South. In Cebu alone, 4,168 victims, representing 711 families, were aided during the week-end. The typhoon sent

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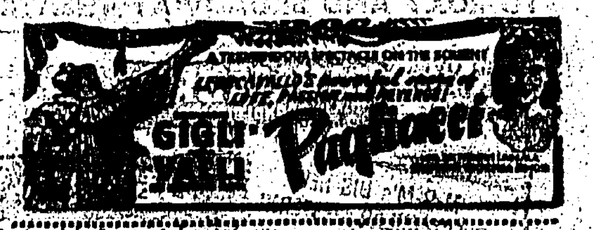

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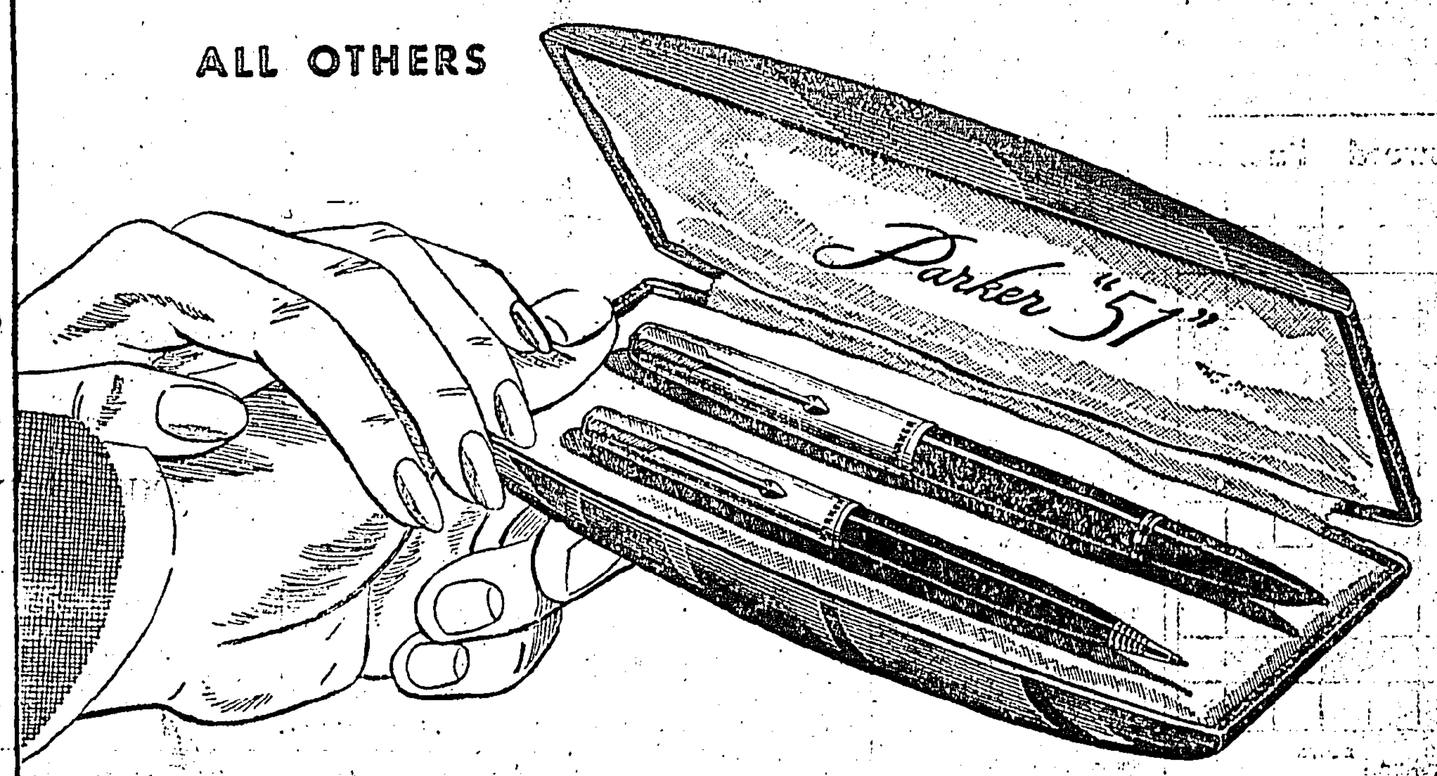

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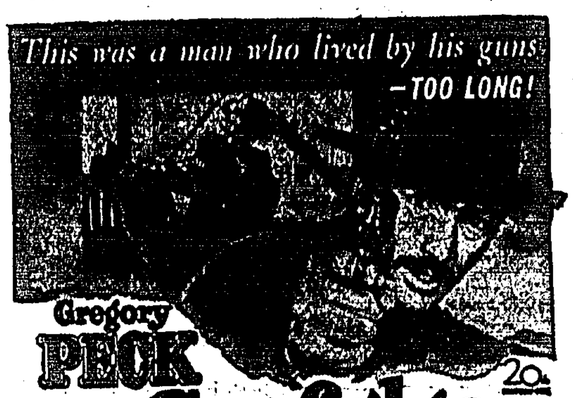

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TOO MANY SERVICES CHARITIES

Lord Nathan, presiding at a meeting of the Charitable Trusts Committee in the House of Lords, said that the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation might find that to keep in existence at all it would have to approve a certain amount of amalgamation.

There was the chance of some voluntary organisations running out of funds. Having studied the accounts of the Sailors' Soldiers', and Airmen's Families' Association he was not sure that it would be able to continue very long, for voluntary contributions were not increasing. There were several hundred Service charities.

General Sir John Brind, for the corporation, replied that while there seemed to be too many charities it would create "awful complications" if a number were brought together, as many were interested in separate types of cases.

Lord Nathan then mentioned a case in which four different Service organisations were involved in a grant of £12. He thought there was much to be said for the welfare branch of the Ministry of Pensions taking over responsibility.

3 MEN IN BOAT—1950 VERSION

With 17s. 9½d. between them, three British yachtsmen tried in New York to sell a book recording 26 months of adventure to a publisher.

William Crealock, 30, from Glasgow, skipper of the gaff-rigged boat, Ernest Chamberlain, 26, and Bedford Donald Hodge, 25, of Hull, had crossed the Atlantic in their 38ft. cutter, The Content. With them is their dog, Swizzle.

Their voyage began on August 28, 1948, at Falmouth. On their way to New York they visited Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar, Tangier, Casablanca, the Canaries, British Guiana, and British West Indies.

They spent only five months at sea. They were ashore the rest of the time, earning money with which to continue the trip.

Leonard Greenwood, of Middlesex, in whose name the boat is registered, met them in New York. He was with them for a year, until he married.

Costers' Festival

Jean Marriott holds up her sister, Mary, and a gigantic loaf of bread at the annual costermongers' harvest festival in London. The "princesses" are daughters of Pearly King J. Marriott, and the harvest offerings were made at St. Mary Magdalene Church. (Acme).

DUMBARTON MAN DESIGNS A "PNEUMANSHIP"

William N. Alcock, a civil engineer, of Dumbarton, has spent all his spare time in the last seven years on the study of airship construction based on a new idea of his which he claims would bring safe Atlantic holiday travels within the means of ordinary folk, with Glasgow to New York in 30 hours at £30 single fare and £50 return.

He calls his airship the "pneumanship." It will have a pneumatic structure which will give the same resistance to shock as does a motor tyre.

Alcock's work on it was originally begun following his ponderings over the loss of the airships R101 and the R38. He came to the conclusion that these aircraft had encountered disaster because their structure, strong as a whole, was weak in parts, causing one of the latter to give way under an unforeseen strain.

And so he began to design his pneumanship out of the lessons and mistakes of the past and, he claims, made it free from the inherent troubles of the traditional design.

The pneumanship will have an outer skin of specially proofed glass fibre fabric stronger than steel or duralumin, an alloy of aluminium. Its inner tube, pressing out against it, will be composed of pneumatic tubes running from bow to stern and made of glass fibre impregnated with butyl rubber. Pressing against each other and against the outer skin, they will act as if the ship had been filled with gas under pressure.

The gas filling the inside will be at ordinary pressure, and only the gas in the pneumatic tubes will be pressurised as it is in a motor tyre.

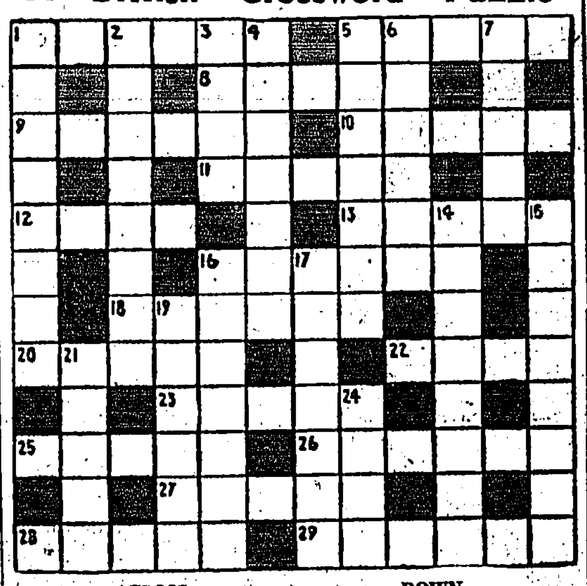
The bulkheads will be gas-proof and made of proofed glass fibre fabric. There will be no gasbags. Instead the whole structure will in itself be a complete gas container.

In theory, the airship will be able to strike the ground without damage—it will merely bump off. In the event of a head-on crash, a pressurised nose will prevent damage; if it falls in the sea, it will float. Should one of the long fore-and-aft tubes become damaged and deflated, the others will automatically swell and fill the gap.

All materials used will be fireproof. A fire-trap similar to those used in mines will prevent any ignition of escape gas from seeping to the gas in the envelope. The designer also envisages using steam instead of hydrogen gas.

Dr Hugo Echener, former commander of the Graf Zeppelin, has studied Mr. Alcock's ideas and accepts them as a new way of leading to the revival of the airship.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Run out
5 Basis for soup
8 Sharp
9 Enjoy
10 Attack
11 Bird
12 Quote
13 Pillars
15 Not excessive
18 Made preparation
20 Reception room
22 Valley
23 Musical note
25 Fish
26 Fondle
27 Pick-me-up
28 Player
29 Occupier

DOWN

1 Fertilises
2 Magnificent
3 Incautious
4 Military formation
5 Condescended
6 Game
7 Applaud
14 And so on
15 English county
16 Warship
17 Shortage
19 Fruit
21 Jelly
24 Staff of Office

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Pallid, 5 Copse, 8 Deal, 9 Tattoo, 11 Aloof, 12 Seldom, 14 Boor, 16 Upset, 18 Usurp, 19 True, 20 Origin, 24 Lulls, 25 Polite, 26 Ebon, 27 Rides 28 Select. Down: 1 Path, 2 Lots, 3 Idol, 4 Disdain, 5 Clamour, 6 Propose, 7 Effects, 10 Taper, 13 Tumbler, 14 Bungled, 15 Opposes, 17 Pupil, 19 Tripos, 21 Glue, 22 Nice, 23 Felt.

Lord Beaverbrook Attacks Bulk Buying System

The British Government's planning for agricultural production is wrong in principle and in practice, said Lord Beaverbrook, opening the Royal Winter Agricultural Fair in Toronto.

The worst abuse is the system of bulk purchase, the system by which trade is taken out of the hands of the traders and put into the hands of the civil servants. The idea seems to be that it is better for society if amateur traders lose public money than if professional traders make private profit, he said.

It is a difficult argument to follow, but undoubtedly it has the support of many civil servants to whom it gives employment and many politicians to whom it brings power.

Where differences of opinion as to price used to be settled by hard bargaining in the market between countless individuals each with his own judgment about future prices, a new situation exists. Differences of opinion as to prices now become quarrels between Governments.

The international atmosphere is poisoned by propaganda declarations. Devices of publicity and prejudice are mobilised for the purpose of stepping a price up—or beating it down. Bad feeling follows.

In Britain alone, where bulk buying has reached a remarkable degree of complexity, there have been squabbles with Denmark over eggs, the Argentine over meat, Australia over butter, New Zealand over cheese, Sweden over timber, Canada over apples, and too many more to mention.

Bulk buying is at its worst where there are quarrels in the family.

But Canada is a selling country. Will it not be to her advantage to enjoy the high prices which rule under the bulk purchase system?

Not so. The effect of bulk buying is to distort the natural flow of trade, to close down established markets as in the newsprint industry, where the British Government has been paying high prices in Scandinavia while cancelling contracts of Canadian newsprint.

MUCH TO GAIN

Canada has much to gain from the termination of bulk buying, of Government trading, in every land.

The march of prosperity here cannot be stopped. But it may be damaged, if, in the markets overseas, political decisions take the place of business dealings and bureaucrats take the place of business men.

The hope of British agriculture lies in liberty. Initiative must be regained. Improvisation must be restored—if free enterprise is to prevail.

Understanding and support for the maintenance of the British Empire is the most important cause in the world. The highest guarantee of peace, the greatest warranty of prosperity, rests with the Commonwealth. It is a balancing force and a guiding influence in a world torn by dissension, with war clouds gathering in every direction.

HEART IS STRONG

What shall I say, then, to men of the outer Empire?

Put your faith in Britain and trust in that leadership. The people are sound and the heart is strong.

Britain has lost her cash but maintained her credit. Her funds are low but her heart is high. The transition from riches to poverty has been swift and harsh—but the people understand that their misfortune has an honourable cause.

Britain fought the war outside her class. The enemy was above her weight. Now the consequences are felt.

In some quarters the idea prevails that Britain being poorer can no longer be the centre of the Empire. It is a mistake to imagine that wealth determines the issue.

Britain was poor when her age of expansion began—it began partly because she was poor, because her sons had empty bellies and torn breeches, and a liking for adventure.

COURAGE REMAINS

Britain is poor again. Her wealth gone, but character, courage, statesmanship remain. These are the factors that decide.

The question is not where will be the centre of the Empire. It is whether the Empire is to continue.

That depends on whether each of the great units wants to maintain the old association. And that, in turn depends on what each Empire nation thinks of the others.

Britain does not lead the world in large-scale industry. But she leads easily in invention and discovery. This is so for the British century in most departments of science.

The British are also the boldest nation in social and political fields. Great pioneers may be too bold and too swift. Time will show.

At present there is an industrial and commercial revolution. It is in consequence of the war. It is an immense upheaval which at times rises to a pitch of crisis.

ONLY NATION

Britain was the only nation that was totally mobilised for war—for nothing of the kind was known elsewhere. Britain was also the only nation which in the peace faced a total reversal of her trading position.

The task of reconversion is enormous. Britain has now recovered and passed her prewar export. An extraordinary feat—possibly enough to enable her to pay her own way.

The crisis is not over—it may last for years. But triumph over disaster is sure. For the spirit and skill is unequalled.

The Dominions must, of course, take their own share in world affairs. Canada is a great Power in present strength and potential influence. A determining factor on this continent.

Australia and New Zeland emerge from the war with vast wealth, great prestige, and determination to play an enhanced role in their sphere.

The Commonwealth is strong in every limb, better balanced than ever before. Maintain the structure and each limb is strengthened. Each unit needs the other.

The world needs the Empire. If no Empire—naked antagonism only too obvious may develop into war.

For the British Empire, sharing common forms of government, the same ideals of freedom and tolerance, a mutual confidence in each other, always acts in union in defence of democracy.

SURE FAITH

No doubt the United Nations is an excellent instrument under present conditions. It has made an immense impact upon events in the Far East. But the nature of the United Nations gives no guarantee of unity and direction in the future.

Indeed, it is obvious that dissensions may arise on issues of great moment, dividing loyalties and possibly frustrating that very same solidarity which is essential to the prospect of peace.

It is then that the British Commonwealth will emerge a stronger, firmer, and more lasting instrument for world peace than the United Nations.

It is then that the British Empire will rally to the cause of freedom and liberty with a sure and certain faith in their allies over the border.

Eighty years ago Joseph Howe of Nova Scotia said: "Under the providence of God after centuries of laborious cultivation the sacrifice of much heroic blood, and the expenditure of a vast amount of treasure, the question is what is now to be done with it?"

—(London Express Service)

Film starlet Jean Mills does her bit to publicise the U.S. National Apple Week. (Acme).

PRIVATE FESTIVAL AIRSHIP

After two years' work, the frame has been completed of Britain's only airship now being built at Hurn Aerodrome for service during the Festival of Britain next year. It is the work of members of the Airship Club which Lord Vestey formed at Bournemouth.

Airship pioneer Lord Vestey has sponsored the project to recapture faith in airships after the previous disasters, and to investigate their possible commercial development in the light of modern improvements.

The finally completed frame will be moved to Cardington, Bedfordshire, for the fabric work, and trial flights are expected to take place in about five or six months' time.

This private venture, the only one of its kind in Britain, costing thousands of pounds, seeks to regain public affection and give the younger generation a chance of seeing an airship in flight. This new model will have a car 15ft. long, 4ft. wide and 6ft. high. The envelope has a capacity of 45,000 cubic feet, is 103ft. long and 27ft. in diameter.

It is expected to carry a crew of about six, and will be powered with an engine of about 180 h.p. Members of the Airship Club will probably take turns as crew during the London flights.

NO LIQUOR FOR SANTA CLAUS

All wineshops in the state of Massachusetts have been asked please not to mention Santa Claus in any Christmas advertisements for liquor. Reason — "This patron saint has been associated with children and therefore should not be associated ... with alcoholic beverages."

FERDNAND

By Mik

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

WOMANSENSE

A COMBINED JEWEL AND FASHION SHOW

A BLACK wood crepe cocktail dress with velvet-figured net corsage and wide black velvet cuffs with two large paste clips attached to the edge of one was one of the highlights of a recent jewel and fashion parade held at the Lion and Lamb, a 15th century coaching inn at Farnham, in the English county of Surrey.

In addition, the mannequin wore a pendant necklace of woven pearls, a pair of pearl cluster earclips and an enormous mother-of-pearl hatpin studded with coloured gems on a black velvet hat with transparent brim.

Miss Margaret Biggs, who organised the show, is one of Britain's few women jewellers and has always been an enthusiastic exponent of closer liaison between jewels and dress. Today the inn houses her jewellery shop and a fashion salon, both of which she controls.

The London mannequins, who travelled to Farnham for the event, were not only jewelled and gowned by Miss Biggs, but also wore gloves and carried the newest handbags and umbrellas which form part of the stock of Lion and Lamb House. Some of the jewels worn during the dress collection were said to be among the finest in Britain and included some magnificent diamonds, which were unobtrusively watched by special detectives.

Suit-Time

BLACK silk braid binding is used for the detachable, two-tiered cape that gives such a fashionable look to this suit-dress of navy blue thin woollen. The collarless jacket closes with three self buttons. The peplum is gently padded and has somewhat of a flare. The well-handled skirt has a curved lap-over. This is a fine first-of-season selection, with the suit-dress itself useful under a coat or fur jacket.

T-6

Three-piece costume.

FINE wool worsted in a muted brown and gray check has been deftly worked into a distinguished town suit. A black velvet collar tops the long revers that terminate in a double-breasted closing at the nipped-in waist. There are bone buttons on either side of the cut-away neplum which is slightly padded for a rounded hipline. The skirt is straight and narrow.

W-3

Distinguished checked outfit.

Save Time For Care Of Hands

By HELEN FOLLETT

ONLY a little time need be devoted to the care of your hands every day; considering that they are ever on display, that you cannot hide them, those few minutes seem worth while. It is a wonderful satisfaction to have the skin surface soft and smooth, finger nails in apple-pie order. Also, one must not forget that hands can suddenly look older than anything.

Soap You Use

In the first place, you must be fussy about the soap you use, not only on your hands, but for housework, if you happen to be boss of the commissary department. Harsh cleansing agents can flay the skin, cause it to become rough, chapped and red. If such products must be used, protect your mitts with rubber gloves. Don't say you find them clumsy. Evidently you haven't seen the new ones that are almost as thin as tissue, do not interfere with the movements of the fingers. Wear cotton gloves when cleaning silver or polishing furniture.

When washing the hands, rinse them well and dry thoroughly. Friction in a hand lotion. Those semi-fluid, milky preparations are just dandy, as they dry quickly. Once a week you should use a cream to make up for the natural oils that you are continually washing away.

Stains that appear after preparing vegetables or putting up fruit will vanish if lemon juice is applied Have a cut lemon at hand, so you will not overlook this good looks rite. If your nails are soiled after doing heavy work, plunge your finger tips into the lemon pulp. The eaves of your nails will come out as white as snow.

Poor Circulation

Hands that seem abnormally red may be that way because of poor circulation. Exercise, deep breathing, plently of fresh air will help.

Perspiring palms are a bother. This trouble is due to nervousness. If you are among the afflicted, try to take life a bit easier and remember that mental hygiene is as necessary as physical care.

British Starlet's Advice:

HOW AN OFFICE GIRL SHOULD BE DRESSED

THOUSANDS of girls in Britain who left school last term are now experiencing one of the big events in life—their first job.

Natasha Parry, 19-year-old star of the British film "Dance Hall" who is now making "Man Detained", had her first part in a film at the age of six, and since then has worked in several shows and films. As a result of her experience, Natasha understands the importance of first impressions in any job, and wants to pass on a few tips to those who are nervous about starting work.

FIRST IMPRESSION

Natasha believes a first impression of efficiency is created immediately by your appearance. The first essential then is to be neatly dressed. Skirts and blouses are the most practical and economical office wear for the very young girl. A grey or navy-blue skirt of smart cut, perfectly plain with no trimmings, two smart white blouses in linen or poplin for constant launderings, and, in colder weather, a matching grey or navy classic sweater. This basic wardrobe will give you a good start, and you can gradually add to it as you go along. As soon as you can afford it, buy an extra skirt, say, in fine navy and white dog-tooth check, to wear alternately (clothes last much longer and keep their shape and smartness much better this way). And a navy waistcoat to wear over your blouses, and a plain woollen dress in grey or navy. It will be easy then to ring the changes with a new pique collar or a patent leather belt.

THINGS "OUT"

Blouses, fussy with frills, low necks and sheer materials are "out". Natasha advises the minimum of make-up—it is easier to keep in good order. Streaked powder and smudged lipstick create a slovenly impression. Go carefully with make-up until you have gained experience with it. Use a feather-light cream foundation—untinted, and a pale lipstick outlined with a brush, pressed on a tissue and powdered over. Your hair must be clean and bright through brushing and frequent washing, and neat and tidy always. Sacrifice your shoulder-length mop for an attractive short style, but do avoid the extreme urchin cuts, advises Natasha.

Top Favourite

THE SIMPLE pump, with low-cut vamp is fashion's favourite for autumn. We say simple, because the line is simple, but the shoe itself may be rich in fabric, ornament or detail.

This year's pumps are suavely detailed, often combine two leathers, or fabric and leather. The strong Spanish feeling that pervades the winter couturier collections is responsible for the use of silk braid and beading and magnificent rhinestone encrustations for "big" evenings.

Built-up leather heels are a feature in the new walking and suit shoes often with walled lasts, extension soles, and generally with closed toes. Devotees of the midway heel will be delighted with the array of pumps and walking shoes that definitely feature the comfortably moderate heel height. The newest tailored shoes, which have the "dress-up" look which even the simplest tailleur achieves this season, are usually in smooth calf, reptile or alligator.

Wine, a deep red shade which goes with everything, including bright red costumes, is the newest colour. Black, navy (now definitely an all-year colour), very-dark browns and charcoal greys are all good, all adaptable to the autumn-winter colours featured for day and evening costumes.

Household Hints

Don't wring out foundation garments when you launder them. Roll garment tightly in a towel and knead gently to remove moisture. Smooth garment into shape. Dry by hanging horizontally on line or towel bar, or spread on terry towel. To speed drying, stuff garment with tissue paper.

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Clean pearls once a month. Use a soft brush, carefully working warm soapsuds around pearls and into the cord. Rinse thoroughly, brushing clear water into the drill holes and cord knots. Rub dry in a soft, clean towel. When you're not wearing them, place pearls on a soft fabric, so they won't get scratched.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Goldfish Wanted to Walk

—But Knarf Refused to Go With Them—

By MAX TRELL

ALPHONSE and Suzanne both begged Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, to take them out for a walk.

Now if anyone but Alphonse and Suzanne had asked Knarf to take them for a walk he would have taken them without another question. But now he hesitated. Finally he shook his head. "No," he said quite loudly, "NO!"

"Please take us walking," the goldfish begged Knarf.

Alphonse and Suzanne both looked at him sadly. They opened their mouths and shut them several times without saying anything. Then Suzanne said: "But why won't you, Knarf?"

"Because you're gold-fish, that's why!"

"But—but what's that got to do with it?"

"Gold-fish," said Knarf, "don't walk."

Front of Glass

"Well," said Alphonse, pressing his nose up against the front of the glass in the aquarium as he spoke, "gold-fish don't usually walk. That's true. But that doesn't mean they shouldn't be allowed to. We've never taken a walk. We'd like to."

"Just a bit of a walk, up and down the garden," suggested Suzanne.

"And perhaps a little run, too, along the edge of the flower beds. We'd be careful," Alphonse added, "not to walk on the grass."

Knarf kept shaking his head. He was standing just outside the aquarium. He had to shout at the top of his voice to make Alphonse and Suzanne hear him. But he was sure that they shouldn't take a walk.

"You can't take a walk because you haven't any feet to walk on," said Knarf. "And you won't be able to breathe in the air. You can't take a walk, and that's all there is to it!"

Knarf walked away. But the two gold-fish were disappointed and angry. "He just doesn't want to take us," said Suzanne.

"He probably doesn't want to be seen walking with two gold-fish," said Alphonse.

"I've a good mind," said Suzanne sharply, "to go walking by ourselves. I don't really see why we shouldn't, do you, Alphonse?"

Alphonse, after thinking about this for a minute or two, agreed that there really wasn't any reason at all why they shouldn't go walking by themselves. "We should have thought of that in the first place, my dear."

"Let us get ready at once," said Suzanne.

"Ready? What do we have to do to get ready, my dear?"

"We have to get ready to jump out of the water of this aquarium," replied Suzanne.

"Oh!" said Alphonse, who hadn't given this part of the walk much thought. "Can't we just walk out, my dear?"

"Certainly not! We've got to jump!"

Good Day

Alphonse said: "Well, come to think of it, I guess we'd better just stay here. I don't think this is a very good day for a walk. It looks like rain."

"Nonsense," said Suzanne. "If you don't care to jump out of the aquarium with me, I'll jump out alone. Here I go!"

Then out she went, flipping her tail and sailing up into the air. The next moment Alphonse followed her. They both landed on the floor in the middle of the room.

It was anything but pleasant! The door stood wide open, looking out into the beautiful garden. But they couldn't reach it. All they could do was to flip and flop around. And when they came to breathe, they found they couldn't breathe the air at all. "I—I think we'd better go back!" Alphonse said. They both looked up at the aquarium, high over their heads, "Help!" they both began shouting. "Help us get back!"

It was a fortunate thing that Knarf heard them. He picked them up and put them back in the water. They didn't mention taking a walk any more after that. They were quite content just to swim back and back, back and forth.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Becoming Draped Blouse

FULLNESS is added to simple blouses in ingenious ways. This, for example, is just a plain blouse with a boat neck, with a strip of jersey coming across back at neck, crossing in front and extending to waistline in back for a closing.

Make drape of matching colour, for this is a grand way to use two colours. For an especially nice note a velvet fold on crepe or jersey.

All-Jersey Blouse

This blouse, all of jersey, takes 1¼ yds. of 54" tubular, no-sag jersey, using ⅞ yd. for the blouse and ⅜ yd. for the drape. Costs less than $2.25 and will give ten times that cost in satisfaction.

Chalk Out and Cut: Straighten both ends. Lay tube out, one fold toward you. From A measure shoulder to waist length plus 4" for B. C is ¼ bust plus 1" above A.

D is ½ armhole plus 3" to right of C. Draw straight line up to fold for E. F is ½ wrist plus 2" to left of E. For G measure up from A ½ neck less 1".

For shoulder, draw line from G to F. Draw a straight line from E to D and from D to H. Curve underarm and slant side seam, as shown by broken lines.

Cut from G to F and from B to H, then around to E. This will give you front of blouse. Lay this over back piece, folded edges even, and cut same. Cut folds F to E.

To Make Blouse: Join shoulder seams and underarms together. Press shoulder seams open.

Finish neckline with narrow hem. First turn edge ⅛" and stitch; then slip-stitch it to position.

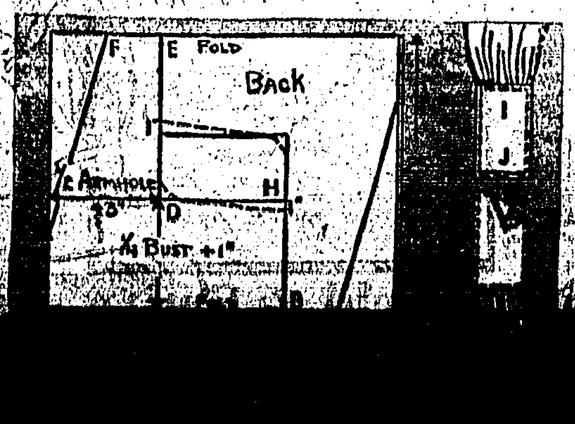
Clip underarm seam at curve. Hem bottom edge of blouse, using narrowest possible hem.

Turn edge ½" at bottom of sleeve; stitch. Turn a ½" hem and slip-stitch hem. Press blouse carefully.

To make Drape: Cut one lengthwise fold. Turn and stitch a narrow hem on both long edges. Gather both ends of strip, making gathers tight as possible.

Put on, cross in front and bring to centre of back. If it is long enough to lap, bind ends with scraps and use hooks and eyes for closing.

If more length is needed, add straight 2"-wide strips, as at I, stitching over ends of gathers and fastening as shown.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Good Party Luncheon Menu

THIS menu is suitable for a formal luncheon or informal dinner.

Luncheon Party Menu

Oysters on the Half Shell
or Papaya Melon
Fried Chicken Platter,
With shoestring potatoes
Bacon Curls, Fried Bananas,
and Corn Croquettes
Rolls Butter Curls
Salad Bowl
Ice Cream or The Cheese Tray
Coffee

The Chef chose oysters on the half shell. "These oysters are smaller than in the United States, but most delicious in flavour."

I chose the papaya melon which had been peeled, the seeds removed, chilled, sectioned and served garnished with sliced lemon and a red cherry. Honeydew can be served the same way.

Fried Chicken Platter

The chickens were small; quartered, and fried as we do in America. But the arrangement was attractive and new to me. The chicken was piled high on a large silver platter. Shoestring potatoes, and around the edge the corn croquettes.

The Cheese Tray

On one side of a silver tray was a high arrangement of lettuce leaves, and pieces of fringed celery. On the other side were arranged identically sized wedges of Danish bleu cheese, Switzerland Swiss and Australian Mailing.

Interspersed were radishes cut like flowers, and around the edge thin rounds of raw carrot topped with strips of pickle. A good idea to serve raw relishes with cheese, which is a concentrated food.

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Corn Croquettes

Add 1 (No 2) tin creamed corn, 4 tbsp. flour and 2 tbsp. butter creamed together. Bring to a boil. Add to 1 beaten egg yolk, with ¼ tsp. each salt and pepper. Cool. Shape into balls containing 1 tbsp. each. Roll in flour, then in the egg white mixed with 1 tbsp. milk; then in fine dry bread crumbs.

Fry in deep vegetable fat hot enough to brown a cube of bread in 40 seconds. Drain on

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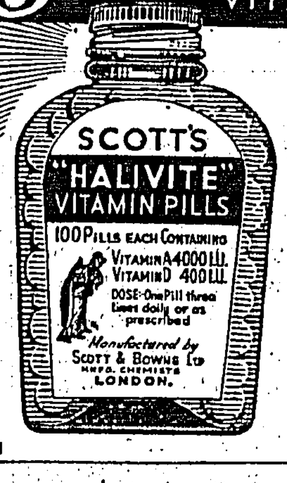

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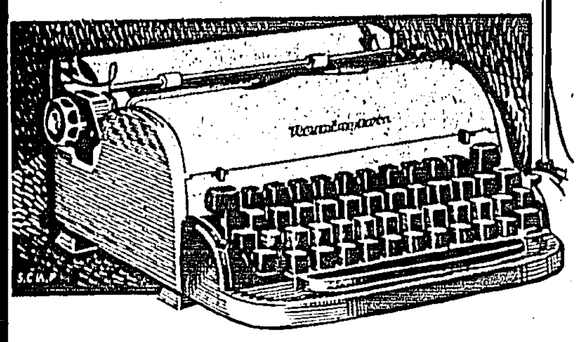

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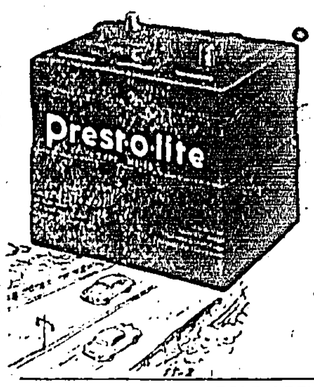

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CHAPTER TWO

THE CASE-BOOK OF SIR PATRICK HASTINGS, KC

The Remarkable Case Of THE FAMILY OF ACCIDENTS

ALTHOUGH I was to appear in many strange cases in after years, one of the most remarkable cases of fraud I have ever known came my way quite early in my career.

It happened soon after I had won my battle against the old lady who fell off a bus, and before I had graduated to the Lord Chief Justice's court. After it, I felt I had attained sufficient experience to enter that illustrious place.

The case grew out of small beginnings.

A workman was unloading boxes of oranges with a crane when a rope broke, and one of the boxes fell to the pavement.

When the workman descended from his crane he was amazed to find a man lying groaning on the curb. His amazement was all the greater because he had not seen any passer-by at the time of the accident. Indeed, he was quite satisfied that there had been nobody present.

Claim made

However, the man was found to be suffering from a serious injury to his leg, and in due course he made a claim for damages against the owners of the crane.

A careful medical examination seemed to establish that the leg injury might be of long standing, and liable to recur, and not only liable but capable of being made to recur by careful and knowledgeable manipulation.

Now it so happened that the insurance company called on to deal with the alleged accident had some previous experience of the claimant. He had made other claims in respect of accidents one of which had apparently resulted in precisely the same injury to precisely the same leg, and among other misfortunes which had befallen him, one in particular had aroused considerable suspicion.

He had alleged that while walking along a railway platform the guard of a train had waved his flag so negligently that it caused an injury to his face, which had apparently resulted in a septic nose.

Although the guard had indignantly denied any such occurrence, and no trace of any injury could be discovered at the time the claim was made, it was considered to be more economical to settle a comparatively small claim by payment rather than incur the expense of litigation.

Inquiries

Now that a much larger claim was being made, particularly as it related to the same old leg, it was suspected that the applicant might be embarked on a regular course of making fraudulent claims with the object of getting money out of underwriters, and it was decided that some inquiries might be made from other insurance companies to find out if they, too, were fellow sufferers.

The answers to those inquiries were surprising. The first company approached replied that, shortly before, they had been required to meet a claim, not from the present applicant, but from his family. It appeared that his father had suffered a grave misfortune. He was a property owner who had recently acquired some derelict premises in the north of London. He had employed a firm of builders and a firm of decorators to renovate the building. The present applicant was proprietor of the decorating firm, and his brother the builder.

Immediately the building and decorating had been completed, the whole structure was burned to the ground and the insurance company had been compelled to pay a heavy claim.

But that was only a beginning. Information began to pour in from every insurance company approached. In every case the story was exactly the same.

There had been a dozen such cases, and in one particular instance the same property had been burnt down on several different occasions.

How the family had managed to continue successfully for so long without being found out was difficult to understand; the only possible explanation was that they had never insured their premises more than once with the same insurance company.

It was unanimously decided that something must be done to curb the activities of this enterprising family, but the question arose as to what steps could possibly be taken. The fire claims had all been paid and there had not been the slightest evidence that any of the fires had been deliberate.

Opportunity

To re-open each claim would cause enormous expense, and might result in nothing more than grave suspition.

But suppose, by some means, one member of the family could be forced into the witness box and be cross-examined about his share in what was now believed to be a wholesale conspiracy.

The unexpected incident of a box of oranges falling from a crane might be a heaven-sent opportunity, though it was not easy to correlate the two events. To a judge and jury, the fall of oranges in Pimlico might seem far removed from mysterious fires in distant parts of London, and it might be difficult to persuade them that an inquiry into the oranges was materially assisted by a prolonged cross-examination into the details of the fires.

The cross-examiner would be forced to take some risks, but, to my great surprise and even greater joy, I was asked to take the risk, in the High Court.

At last I had been entrusted with a case which might well end my period of education. No risk would be too great to bring about the much-desired result, and I entered on a study of these fire-raising activities with an enthusiasm which knew no bounds.

I studied every detail of every fire until I knew them all by heart. Mentally I cross-examined the only witness I should see until I knew every question I should ask, and every answer he must give. I awaited the morning of the trial as eagerly as a youthful bridegroom awaits his wedding day. As the court assembled I even forgot my nervousness.

In the box

Mr J. B. Matthews, K.C., an excellent lawyer, appeared for the plaintiff, and as he told the story of the falling oranges the whole case appeared a trifling matter. He even expressed a mild surprise that the defendants appeared to dispute that the accident had ever happened.

The plaintiff went into the witness box and told his story. Then I arose to conduct my cross-examination. The atmosphere in the court was lethargic. The jury seemed sleepy; Mr Matthews seemed bored at the fuss the defendants were making; the man in the box was cocksure.

I put my first question, and I remember yet the change in his countenance. I said:

"I am going to suggest to you that this case is a deliberate fraud, and that for years past you and your family have lived by making fraudulent claims upon insurance companies."

The atmosphere changed in a second. The jury seemed to wake up. Mr Matthews looked amazed, and the witness glanced miserably round the court, suddenly terrified lest we had discovered something of the family activities.

And I had learned something I was never to forget: that if you are going to accuse a witness of fraud, make it clear in the first question. Often, if the witness is dishonest, a violent blow at the start will knock him completely off his carefully-prepared pedestal of integrity.

As the witness waited apprehensively, I resumed my questions. I began with the first case of which we had detailed knowledge.

More questions

"Five years ago, did your father buy a derelict house at this address?" I gave him the address. The witness did not know.

"Did your brother repair that house?"

"I don't know."

"Did you yourself redecorate that house?"

The witness seemed to hesitate.

"Please don't say you don't know, because I hold in my hand your actual bill that was sent in to the insurance company." I handed it up to him. "Is that your bill?"

"It seems to be."

"Is that bill grossly excessive?"

"Certainly not."

"Did any living person ever see what work you had done upon those premises, except your father, your brother, and yourself?"

"I don't know."

"Within two days of your work being completed, was that house burned to the ground?"

"There was a fire."

"And were your family responsible for those premises being set alight?"

Court uproar

The court was almost in an uproar. The plaintiff's solicitor rose in protest. Mr Matthews sprang passionately to his feet, trembling with indignation. What possible relevance could there be in such a question? he asked. How dare counsel make such an attack on his client? It was an outrage.

The dangerous moment we knew must come had now arrived. Would the judge allow the questions to continue? If he did not, my great attempt would end in ridicule. But if he did, the chance of a lifetime had arrived.

I remember his hesitation, and the grave warning he gave me.

"I understand," he said, "that you are alleging that the claim in the present action is a fraud." I bowed assent.

"And you are proposing to attack the plaintiff's character by alleging that he has been a party to earlier frauds?"

"I am, my Lord."

"Very well. I shall not disallow the questions. But I must point out that you are incurring a grave responsibility and may be running considerable risk. Understand that, to charge a man with being a party to fraud of this nature is a matter of the utmost gravity."

The Rubicon

But I had come to the Rubicon, and it was as well to go in up to the neck.

"I do, my Lord. And I am going to suggest that this witness and his family have been parties to the same fraud on no fewer than 13 previous occasions, in precisely the same manner, and for precisely the same purpose: namely to swindle insurance companies."

After that there was no drawing back. For hours I cross-examined the plaintiff: I put to him house after house, and by the time we arrived at the last house—in which the same premises had been burned to the ground three times—the jury had heard enough. It required only the evidence of the crane driver to deny that the plaintiff had ever been injured by a falling crate of oranges to enable them to find a verdict in favour of the defendants.

The plaintiff left the court with a suggestion ringing in his ears that the papers in the case might deserve the consideration of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Happy moment

That case was heard a good deal more than a quarter of a century ago, but the memory of the trial will remain with me for ever. Before then I was a beginner, floundering through a morass of ignorance and pitfalls, surrounded by all the anxieties and terrors which are born of inexperience. I had not even reached the beginning of the road up which I longed so passionately to climb.

In a day, all that changed. I had found my feet.

To every professional man, sooner or later, such a moment is certain to occur. For a long time he is in the ranks of those who want; the doctor wants patients; the lawyer wants clients; they all want someone to discover that they are worth consideration for employment.

Then, perhaps suddenly, perhaps imperceptibly, the position is reversed. Patients or clients begin to want them; the doctor and the lawyer begin to find themselves among the fortunate few who are themselves wanted.

And when that happy moment arrives they have crossed the Rubicon of their profession, and can begin to climb the heights their ambition has pointed out to them.

TOMORROW:
Princess Unfolds Tragic Story

RIP! goes the Iron Curtain

Berlin.

by WILLIAM HAMSHER

TONIGHT in the Soviet sector of Berlin I put four-pence into a call-box to listen to the cold war at dictation speed.

Just a quiet female voice saying slowly over the telephone: "Achtung. Brandenburg. Watch out for these persons, paid to spy on you."

Then followed a list of six names and addresses spelt out and slowly repeated.

The warning came from the great new U. S. transmitting station called RIAS, which stands for Radio in the American Sector of Berlin.

By callbox

RIAS, taking a different district each week, makes a point of giving the names of Cominform agents spying on factory "slackers," "saboteurs," and "Western orientated objectivists."

People who know they are watched so closely that they think it dangerous to listen in to the West on their radio loudspeakers can still hear Western news from RIAS by dialling from a private phone or a call-box.

So far, though it may be dangerous, it is not officially a crime in East Germany to listen to RIAS. Eight in ten of the 3,250,000 German listeners living behind the Iron Curtain joined with me in listening to Western stations tonight.

But one regular listener, Frau Christa Wagner, a housewife, of Kreis Doebeln, Saxony, was not with them. Frau Wagner is in goal. A people's court sentenced her to 18 months in the cells after the People's Police found in her flat a letter she wrote. It was in praise of her favourite programme: the transmission to the Soviet zone by RIAS.

Christa Wagner, said the people's prosecutor in Kreis Doebeln, had thus linked herself with Western warmongering imperialism—"the German's greatest enemy."

In nearby Zwickau, another listener wrote a letter to RIAS. He went down for five years. Police found the letter in the lining of his hat when they took him off the Berlin train.

It spoke of members of the East German Government in such terms that the Zwickau people's prosecutor pressed the charge of attempted murder.

Report it

THE East German campaign against "foreign" listening will get a still rougher edge.

Women in hospital in Thuringia have been told they will be sent home uncured if they switch on to any but approved stations. Nurses have been ordered in writing that they must report any patient breaking this rule.

Saxon Communist group-leaders wanted to switch their weekly meeting time so that they could hear the RIAS transmission.

Their proposal was "an impertinent attempt at objectivism' and was only narrowly defeated through patriotic action," the local paper reported.

But "objectivism" is becoming easier. For RIAS has a new mast and new equipment, representing such an increase in power and range that it now guarantees clear reception, day and night, not only throughout the Communist half of Germany, but also in the "lost lands" fringing the Eastern borders of the Fatherland.

'Cyanide'

RIAS is American, part of the occupation set-up, backed by all the power of the dollar. In one form or other it repeats daily its claim to know better than Moscow what goes on in the Soviet zone.

To the German Communist bosses, RIAS is officially the "cyanide sender." Unofficially, they like the daily dose.

Regular listeners include more than one member of the East German Government. The proof? When RIAS beamed out some cutting comments on Soviet zone politics, one of the men pilloried got a telephone call asking whether he heard the attack. Came the angry answer: "Of course I did."

On a busy day, up to 20,000 people give RIAS a ring and get their cyanide.

East Berlin technicians jammed the first telephone connection. RIAS experts changed the line. "The Reds won't scramble this one in a hurry," they say.

Dull, rather

WHAT programmes go out on the Eastern air from RIAS and the West German transmitters?

Well, there was a group of purged Communist lawyers, sitting round a table telling the world how justice has become a Communist Party tool in East Germany. It sounded dreary.

What the lawyers were really after was to make out a case that, having fled from the East, they are fit to practise in the West.

Then Frau Gertrud Milke stepped up to the microphone. She fled to the West with her official shorthand record of evidence against Germans who, after being freed from Russian concentration camps, were handed over to Communist tribunals to be sentenced.

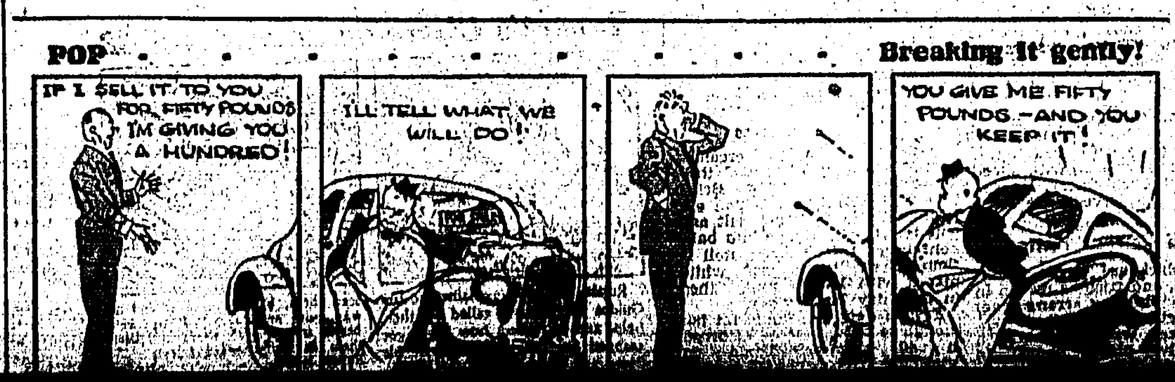
Prisoners were brought in on stretchers, Frau Milke said. "And when they asked permission to call witnesses to speak on their behalf, I was ordered to strike it from my notes."

'Like a thief'

FRAU MILKE'S account of Soviet zone justice was less sleep-inducing than that of the lawyers. But still there was no drama in it, no sense that here was the radio outpost of the West bringing the hope of freedom to the East.

The absence of drama is intentional. "No flourish of trumpets here," said a programme director. "If we went in for 'putting it across' the letters wou'd soon pile up telling us to keep it quiet. We just go on the air like a thief in the night, quietly telling the Easterners what goes on in their home town. And that way it sure gets around."

—(London Express Service.)



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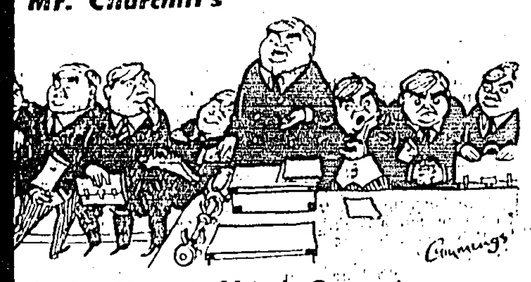

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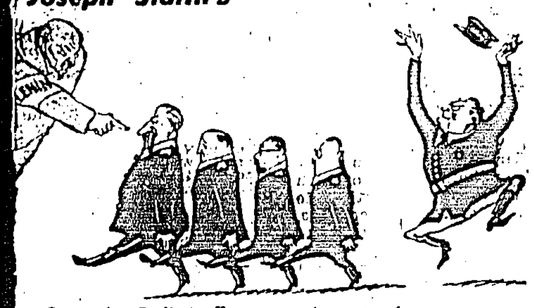

...o, Comrade Stalin! Everyone is out of step except Marshal Tito."

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"THE HINGE OF FATE" . . . . . Chapter 24

MY FIRST MEETING WITH STALIN

By Winston Churchill

LATE on the night of Aug. 10, 1942, after a dinner of notables at the genial Cairo Embassy, we started for Moscow. My party, which filled three planes, now included the C.I.G.S., Gen. Wavell, who spoke Russian, Air Marshal Tedder, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, Averell Harriman and I travelled together.

Sir Reader Bullard, his Majesty's Minister in Teheran, met me on the Teheran airfield about 8.30 a.m. He was a tough Briton, with long experience of Persia and no illusions. We were too late to leap the northern range of the Elburz Mountains before dark, and I found myself graciously bidden to lunch with the Shah in a palace with a lovely swimming pool amid great trees on an abrupt spur of the mountains.

In the afternoon in the garden of the British Legation there was a long conference with Averell Harriman and various high British and American railway authorities, and it was decided that the United States should take over the whole Trans-Persian railway from the Gulf to the Caspian. This railway, newly completed by a British firm, was a remarkable engineering achievement. There were 390 major bridges on its track through the mountain gorges.

Caspian Sea

On account of the heat and noise of Teheran, where every Persian seems to have a motor-car and blows his horn continually, I slept amid tall trees at the summer residence of the British Legation about a thousand feet above the city. At 6.30 next morning, Aug. 12, we started, gaining height as we flew through the great valley which led to Tabriz, and then turned northwards to Enzeli, on the Caspian.

Two Russian officers were now in the plane, and the Soviet Government assumed responsibility for our course and safe arrival. I noticed that we were flying alone, and a wireless message explained that our second plane, with the C.I.G.S. Wavell, Cadogan and others, had had to turn back over Teheran because of engine trouble.

In two hours the waters of the Caspian Sea shone ahead. Beneath was Enzeli. I had never seen the Caspian, but I remembered how a quarter of a century before I had, as Secretary of State for War, inherited a fleet upon it which for nearly a year ruled its pale, placid waters.

Wide horizon

We now came down to a height where oxygen was no longer needed. On the western shore, which we could dimly see, lay Baku and its oilfields. The German armies were now so near the Caspian that our course was set for Kuibyshev, keeping well away from Stalingrad and the battle area. This took us across the delta of the Volga.

As far as the eye could reach spread vast expanses of Russia, brown and flat and with hardly a sign of human habitation. Here and there sharp rectilineal patches of ploughed land revealed an occasional State farm. For a long way the mighty Volga gleamed in curves and stretches as it flowed between its wide, dark margins of marsh. Sometimes a road, straight as a ruler, ran from one wide horizon to the other. After an hour or so of this I clambered back along the bomb racks to the cabin and slept.

I pondered on my mission to this sullen, sinister Bolshevik State I had once tried so hard to strangle at its birth, and which, until Hitler appeared, I had regarded as the mortal foe of civilised freedom. What was it my duty to say to them now? Gen. Wavell, who had literary inclinations, had summed it all up in a poem which he had shown me the night before. There were several verses, and the last line of each was, "No Second Front in 1942."

In Moscow

It was like carrying a large lump of ice to the North Pole. Still, I was sure it was my duty to tell them the facts personally and have it all out face to face with Stalin, rather than trust to telegrams and intermediaries. At least it showed that one cared for their fortunes and understood what their struggle meant to the general war. We had always hated their wicked regime, and, till the German flail beat upon them, they would have watched us being swept out of existence with indifference and gleefully divided with Hitler our Empire in the East.

At about five o'clock the spires and domes of Moscow came in sight. We circled around the city by carefully prescribed courses along which all the batteries had been warned, and landed on the airfield which I was to revisit during the struggle.

Here was Molotov at the head of a concourse of Russian generals and the entire Diplomatic Corps, with the very large outfit of photographers and reporters customary on these occasions. M. Molotov drove me in his car to my appointed residence, eight miles out of Moscow, "State Villa No. 7."

Two-inch glass

While going through the streets of Moscow, which seemed very empty, I lowered the window for a little more air, and to my surprise I felt that the glass was over two inches thick. This surpassed all records in my experience. "The Minister says it is more prudent," said Interpreter Pavlov. In a little more than half an hour we reached the villa.

Everything was prepared with totalitarian lavishness. There was placed at my disposal, as aide-de-camp, an enormous, splendid-looking officer (I believe of a princely family under the Tzarist regime), who also acted as our host and was a model of courtesy and attention. A number of veteran servants in white jackets and beaming smiles waited on every side or move-

various sideboards were laden with every delicacy and stimulant that supreme power can command.

I was conducted through a spacious reception room to a bedroom and bathroom of almost equal size. Blazing, almost dazzling, electric lights displayed the spotless cleanliness. The hot and cold water gushed. I longed for a hot bath after the length and the heat of the journey. All was instantly prepared.

I noticed that the basins were not fed by separate hot and cold water taps and that they had no plugs. Hot and cold turned on at once through a single spout, mingled to exactly the temperature one desired. Moreover, one did not wash one's hands in the basins, but under the flowing current of the taps. In a modest way I have adopted this system at home. If there is no scarcity of water it is far the best.

After all necessary immersions and ablutions we were regaled in the dining-room with every form of choice food and liquor, including, of course, caviare and vodka, but with many other dishes and wines from France and Germany far beyond our mood or consuming powers. Besides, we had but little time before starting for Moscow. I had told Molotov that I should be ready to see Stalin that night, and he proposed seven o'clock.

In the Kremlin

I reached the Kremlin, and met for the first time the great Revoluntionary Chief and profound Russian statesman and warrior with whom for the next three years I was to be in intimate, rigorous, but always exciting, and at times even genial association.

Our conference lasted nearly four hours. As our second aeroplane had not arrived with Brooke, Wavell and Cadogan, there were present only Stalin, Molotov, Voroshilov, myself, Harriman and our Ambassador, with interpreters. The first two hours were bleak and sombre.

I began at once with the question of the Second Front, saying that I wished to speak frankly and would like to invite complete frankness from Stalin. When M. Molotov had come to London I had told him that we were trying to make plans for a diversion in France. I had also made it clear that I could make no promises about 1942, and had given M. Molotov a memorandum to this effect.

Since then an exhaustive Anglo-American examination of the problem had been carried out. The British and American Governments did not feel themselves able to undertake a major operation in September, which was the latest month in which the weather was to be counted upon. But, as M. Stalin knew, they were preparing for a very great operation in 1943.

For this purpose 1m. American troops were now scheduled to reach the United Kingdom at their point of assembly in the spring of 1943, making an expeditionary force of 27 divisions, to which the British Government were prepared to add 21 divisions. Nearly half of this force would be armoured.

Glum Stalin

I told Stalin that I was well aware that this plan offered no help to Russia in 1942, but thought it possible that when the 1943 plan was ready it might well be that the Germans would have a stronger army in the West than they now had. At this point Stalin's face crumpled up into a frown, but he did not interrupt.

I then said I had good reasons against an attack on the French coast in 1942. We had only enough landing-craft for an assault landing on a fortified coast—enough to throw ashore six divisions and maintain them. If it were successful, more divisions might be sent, but the limiting factor was landing-craft, which were now being built in very large numbers in the United Kingdom and especially in the United States. For one division which could be carried this year it would be possible next year to carry eight or 10 times as many.

Stalin, who had begun to look very glum, seemed unconvinced by my argument[illegible] It was impossible [illegible]

air umbrella anywhere except actually across the Straits. He did not seem to understand, and asked some questions about the range of fighter planes. Could they not, for instance, come and go all the time?

I explained that they could indeed come and go, but at this range they would have no time to fight, and I added that an air umbrella, to be of any use, had to be kept open. He then said that there was not a single German division in France of any value, a statement which I contested. There were in France 25 German divisions, nine of which were of the first line. He shook his head.

I said that I had brought the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell with me in order that such points might be examined in detail with the Russian General Staff. There was a point beyond which statesmen could not carry discussions of this kind.

Risks in war

Stalin, whose glumness had by now much increased, said that, as he understood it, we were unable to create a second front with any large force and unwilling even to land six divisions. I said that this was so. We could land six divisions, but the landing of them would be more harmful than helpful for it would greatly injure the big operation planned for next year. War was war, but not folly, and it would be folly to invite a disaster which would help nobody.

I said I feared the news I brought was not good news. If by throwing in 160,000 to 200,000 men we could render him aid by drawing away from the Russian front appreciable German forces, we would not shrink from this course on the grounds of loss. But if it drew no men away and spoiled the prospects for 1943 it would be a great error.

Stalin, who had become restless, said that his view about war was different. A man who was not prepared to take risks could not win a war. Why were we so afraid of the Germans? He could not understand. His experience showed that troops must be blooded in battle. If you did not blood your troops you had no idea what their value was.

Oppressive

I inquired whether he had ever asked himself why Hitler did not come to England in 1940, when he was at the height of his power and we had only 20,000 trained troops, 200 guns, and 50 tanks. He did not come. The fact was that Hitler was afraid of the operation. It is not so easy to cross the Channel.

Stalin replied that this was no analogy. The landing of Hitler in England would have been resisted by the people, whereas in the case of a British landing in France the people would be on the side of the British. I pointed out that it was all the more important therefore not to expose the people of France by a withdrawal to the vengeance of Hitler, and to waste them when they would be needed in the big operation in 1943.

There was an oppressive silence. Stalin at length said that if we could not make a landing in France this year he was not entitled to demand it or to insist upon it, but he was bound to say that he did not agree with my arguments.

Great enterprise

I then unfolded a map of Southern Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa. What was "A Second Front?". Was it only a landing on a fortified coast opposite England? Or could it take the form of some other great enterprise which might be useful to the common cause? I thought it better to bring him southward by steps. If, for instance, we could hold the enemy in the Pas de Calais by our concentration in Britain, and at the same time attack elsewhere—for instance, in the Loire, the Gironde, or alternatively the Schiidt—this was full of promise. There indeed was a general picture of next year's big operation.

Stalin feared that it was not practicable. I said that it would indeed be difficult to land [illegible] men, but that we should have to persevere and try. We then passed on to the bombing of Germany, which gave general satisfaction. M. Stalin emphasised the importance of striking at the morale of the German population. He said he attached the greatest importance to bombing, and that he knew our raids were having a tremendous effect in Germany.

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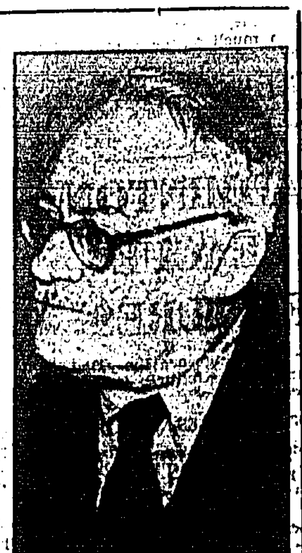

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believe to be two keys to Russian policy today:

1. The Kremlin is not ready for, and cannot risk, a general war.

2. The Kremlin is not ready to face the propaganda defeat a walk-out from the United Nations would mean—and will therefore stay on.

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WESTERN delegations are sure the Russians came too close to general war in Korea for their own comfort. They are sure the Russians feel their Korean adventure stirred up too much Western rearmament and remobilisation for their own good.

Therefore, they are sure the Russian moves in Europe are disturbances designed to cover a "simmering down" of expansionism for the while, and that the Russians hope a rebirth of European apathy and economic strain will hit the rearmament plan.

So, armed with what they believe to be the clearest knowledge of Soviet intentions they have had since the end of the war, American and Australian diplomats in particular are settling down to a hard game of poker.

Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, toasted orchestras just as hard as Vyshinsky. And he joined propaganda war by telling President Truman to make a completely meaningless speech about the need for disarmament—which sounded as good propaganda — wise as anything Vyshinsky had said in months.

But backstage the Secretary struggled diplomatically to arm the United Nations so that the English-speaking peoples should never have to fight another Korea on their own.

His hard-driving delegation buttonholed delegates from dinners, discussions, drawing-room conversations, piling up an overwhelming mass of support, in effect, against the Russian right to veto U.N. action.

Dean Acheson's long-term objective was to convince Russia that the arming Western world, backed by troop, naval and air contingents from more than fifty nations, was too strong for it, thereby saving the peace.

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ANY time before Korea the Russians would have staged a ceremonial walk-out from the United Nations rather than discuss Mr Acheson's plans.

But the measure of the western strength, and of their own "simmering down," was that Vyshinsky is still taking in the U.N., still toasting orchestras.

The virtual certainty that the Assembly will pass the Acheson "Arm the U.N." plan has also inspired an optimism here that the United Nations is [illegible]

They're playing poker at UN

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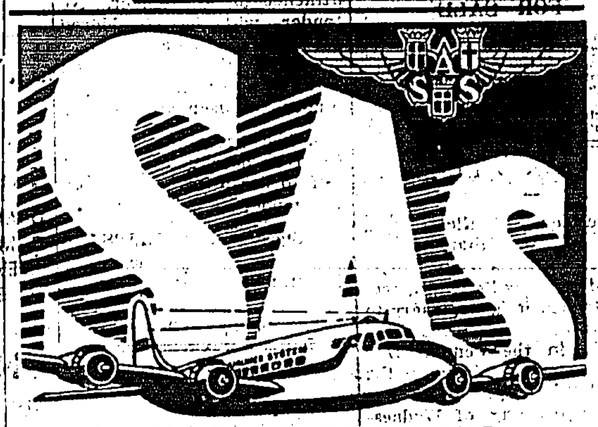

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 86 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 15th day of December, 1950.

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DATED the 20th day of November, 1950.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Administrator of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased.

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(Sgd) T.H. PHILLIPS.
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Assistant Director Supplies & Transport,
Hong Kong.

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By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th Nov., 1950.

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Hockey Trial On Sunday

There will be two Interport hockey trial matches on the Navy ground at King's Park on Sunday. The first match is at 10 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m.

Teams selected for the first match are as follow:

White.—F. Soares (Police); L. Xavier (Argonauts), QMS. Webb (Army); Capt. Dudley (Army), Bhagat Singh (Argonauts), Brown (Police); Major Lambie (Army), Potter Rull (Argonauts), L/Cpl. Gardner (Army), C. A. Marques (Recreio), Yusuf (Thunderbolts).

Colour.—J. Koh (Nomads); A. L. Nery (Recreio), J. B. Gonsalves (Recreio); Yusuf (Police), W. Reed (Recreio), Fraser (H.K.H.C.); McMullen (R.A.F.), L/Cpl. MacKenzie (Army), J. Gosano (Recreio), E. Fowler (H.K.H.C.), B. Xavier (Argonauts).

Reserves.—D. Hunt (Y.M.C.A.), Roza (Recreio), R. Collaco (Recreio), L. Sequeira (Recreio), A. J. Remedios (Rec), Z. A. Abbas (Thunderbolts), Y. Khan (Thunderbolts), T. Castilho (Nomads), J. Baptista (Nomads), A. Ponnioh (University).

Second match teams are:

White.—J. Garcia (Recreio); Flt. Lt. Wilson (R.A.F.), M. Singh (Police); G. J. Sequeira (Argonauts), Capt. Fitzgibbon (Army), A. M. Alves (Recreio); J. A. Soares (Recreio), Rev. Crawford (Army), A. Ditta (Thunderbolts), Mohinda Singh (Argonauts), Cox (Police).

Colour.—Cpl. Partridge (Army); Capt. Stubbs (Army), Tebbutt (Police); A. A. Remedios (Recreio), Bullock (R.A.F.), CQMS Grant (Army); B. Gosano (Recreio), Aziz (R.A.F.), C. A. Guterres (Recreio), Brown (R.A.F.), L/Cpl. Taylor (Army).

Umpires will be Makhan Singh, Flt. Serg. E. Aldridge (first match); A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Silva (second match).

TRACK & FIELD ASSOCIATION BEING FORMED

A meeting of all those interested in forming a Hongkong Track & Field Athletics Association will be held, under the sponsorship of the South China Athletic Association, at Caroline Hill on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

A number of invitations to attend the meeting have been sent out, but the SCAA would like it to be known that the meeting is open to anyone interested whether they have received an invitation or not.

South China Athletic Association have for many years been sponsoring an annual athletic meet open to the Colony and it is hoped, with a proper Association once formed, this may be recognised as the Colony Open Championship meet.

Is British Socce Too Hidebound?

Asks IVAN SHARPE

While I was watching the amateurs of Sweden play Yugoslav in the Olympic Games Soccer final at Wembley in 1948 I said to my neighbour: "This Swedish team have the touch of the old Newcast United. They will beat our professional international team at Stockhol next May."

And it was so. Despite the fact that in the meantime Sweden had lost t of the Nordahl brothers—key-men who cashed-in on their fame by turn professional at mammoth fees for clubs in Italy—England lost by 3—1.

That's what I thought of the Swedes. Yet their opponents, Yugoslav whom England drew with 2-all at Arsenal Stadium, ran them dizzy at a vi stage of the Olympic Final, although they couldn't shoot for nuts. Perhaps th were over-excited.

Their studies in tactics are intriguing. You will be interested to know, therefore, what the most famous figure in Continental football thinks about the present state of English play. This, then, introduces Vittorio Pozzo, of Turin, who, as national team-manager, twice led Italy to capture of the World Cup.

Of England's collapse at Rio he says:

"This did not surprise me greatly, first because England very seldom play up to their real possibilities away from home, and also because English football in new technique and efficiency is not now at its best.

"The safety-first principle has developed to the detriment of individual capacity and geniality of spirit.

"This concentration on 'stopping them'—or not allowing the opponent to play—has brought as a consequence a great scarcity of real footballers. You very seldom come across somebody who is playing real football....like Mannion, for example.

"Another thing: English football is of a stereotyped pattern. All the League teams work on one scheme. They all play the same way, more or less.

"This closes the mind of the players to other possibilities and methods. Thus, when the English player goes abroad he is easy to be understood.

"Many British footballers know too little about foreign football. It is not easily understood, because of the different interpretations of tactical necessities and the different solutions to problems. All this makes for new ideas, for variety of themes and schemes."

WRIGHT COMMENT

Meantime, Billy Wright, in his new book "Captain of England," says of our final knockout by Spain in the World Cup:

"The Spanish team were good. Time and again they revealed football skill of high quality, but their questionable methods of halting our forwards, be it by body-checking, shirt-pulling, tripping, or digging with their elbows, not only annoyed British spectators, but displeased the sporting Brazilian crowd, who were quick to voice their disapproval of such tactics.

"Unfortunately for us, Italian referee, Signor Gal did not appear always to und stand our interpretation of rules, and afterwards I h more than one impartial spe tor say they thought we sho have been awarded at least penalties."

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England's Soccer Prestige In On The Way Back

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Nov. 27.

The English team which only drew with Yugoslavia last week, and thus gave Marshal Tito's men the honour of being the first Continental side to draw with a full England side on English soil, had a poor press after the game.

This hardly gives credit to the Yugoslavs or the Englishmen. The visitors readily admitted that they were extremely fortunate to divide the spoils.

Such remarks as "wonderful but incredible" from them after the game. And they were right.

England might have played structurally just as they did and won by at least 5-1.

ANY THE LESS SKILL?

Rightly it can be said that a team which presents its opponents with two gift goal deserves to lose. But does that make the football skill of England any the less?

The goal, the only goal, the Yugoslavs deserved but did not get, was when, shortly after the interval an England defender blocked a drive more by good luck than good judgment.

Apart from the two fine goals England scored they also had one shot blocked by a Yugoslav defender on its way into the net, while two of the saves made by the acrobatic Beara were, with every respect for his brilliant goal-keeping, of the "fluke" variety.

Had England won 5-1, as well they might on the run of the play, they would probably have received a fine press for beating such a fine side as the men of Marshal Tito so handsomely.

Personally I give full credit to England and the Yugoslavs.

Here was an English team with speed, stamina and goals in their boots—a much better team than that which went to Brazil for the World Football Championships.

The only real weakness was at right-half, where England badly missed their captain, Billy Wright, not as a captain but as a polished player in both attack and defence.

All credit should be given to the defence for preventing an excellent Yugoslav forward line from making good goals against them. Neither Compton nor Ramsey, who each gave away a goal, would be likely to repeat such a performance once in a hundred games, though curiously enough the former had scored against his own side the previous week.

As for the attack, Jimmy Hancocks at outside-right was superb and the man England is looking for to replace Stanley Matthews.

AT LEAST TWO MORE

Lofthouse, the centre-forward, got two goals and but for Beara's agility might have had at least two more. He has got the push and shooting ability that England badly needs in the forward line.

Mannion had an off-day but everyone knows how good he can be.

Critics were disappointed at the Tottenham right-wing combination, Medley and Baily, but they should give credit to the Yugoslav defence for keeping such a nippy pair in subjection.

Yugoslavia's ability was displayed in Brazil. Indeed, they gave the Brazilian national team one of its hardest games during the World Championships.

For England to be able to play as they did against them, have so much of the game and prove themselves the better team, can only show, in my opinion, that English soccer prestige is on the way back.—Reuter.

Dark Blues To Play Six Internationals

London, Nov. 27.

There are six English Internationals included in the Oxford University Rugby team to meet Cambridge at Twickenham on December 5.

Kendall Carpenter (captain), Hofmeyr, Small, Botting, Boobyer and Cannell all played in internationals last season. Hofmeyr and Small are South Africans and Botting toured South Africa with the New Zealand team in 1949.

Other overseas players in the team are Lewis (South Africa), Hofer (South Africa), and Griffith (South Africa). the only freshman playing.

The Oxford team is:

D. J. Lewis, Capetown University and Exeter; I. J. Botting, New Zealand and Worcester; L. E. Cannell, Northampton Grammar School and Lincoln; B. Boobyer, Uppingham and Brasenose; C. E. Winn, King's College School, Wimbledon and Exeter; M. B. Hofmeyr, Rhodes University College, South Africa and Worcester; R. Green, Dunstone and Koble; D. M. Emms, Tonbridge and Brasenose; W. J. Hofer, Orange Free State University, South Africa and University; C. J. M. Griffiths, St Andrews, South Africa and Trinity; M. Walker, Brynnston and University; G. L. Bullard, Blundells and Balliol; C. Tiron, Thomas, Sherborne and Trinity; J. Kendall, Carpenter, Truro and Exeter, and H. Small, Dundee, South Africa and St John's.—Reuter.

Sugar Ray Stops Jean Stock

Paris, Nov. 27.

Welterweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson stopped France's Jean Stock in one minute 33 seconds of the second round of a non-title 10 round bout tonight.

Stock, a middleweight who was put up as a sacrificial lamb so Paris boxing fans could see the famed Sugar Ray in action, was downed three times in the second round.

The Frenchman was on his feet at the finish but the referee stopped between them and halted the uneven match.

Robinson's weight was 158½ pounds and Stock's 159½.—Reuter.

Charles-Barone Fight Is Postponed

Cincinnati, Nov. 26.

The fight between Ezzard Charles, the holder, and Nick Barone for the NBA world Heavyweight boxing title, which was to have taken place here over 15 rounds on November 29, has been postponed until December 5 because of weather conditions.

This was announced by the Promoter, Mr Sam Becker, today.

Jake Minto, co-manager of Charles, protested against the postponment and said that Charles was ready "to go through with the fight if it's only for 10 cents."

A conference was called immediately to consider the protest, but the backers of the fight feared that the roads to the Cincinnati Garden, where the bout takes place, would not be cleared of snow by the night of November 28.—Reuter.

James Braid Dies

London, Nov. 27.

James Braid, five times British Open Gold Champion, died

BADMINTON LEAGUE FIXTURES

The following are the Badminton League fixtures for December:

MEN'S DOUBLES "C" DIV.

Monday, Dec. 4.—Section 1—St Teresa "B" v St Johns; HKU v Taikoo; Kowloon Docks v K.C.C. Section 2—Club Recreio v St Teresa "A"; Chung Wah v Chinese Y.

Tuesday, Dec. 5.—V.R.C. v Tytam.

Monday, Dec. 11.—Section 1—HKU v St Johns; St Teresa "B" v K.C.C.; Taikoo v Kowloon Docks. Section 2—Club Recreio v Chung Wah; Chinese Y v Kowloon Tong.

Tuesday, Dec. 12.—V.R.C. v St Teresa "A".

Monday, Dec. 18.—Section 2—Tytam v St Teresa "A"; Chung Wah v Kowloon Tong; Club Recreio v Chinese "Y".

Monday, Jan. 8, 1951.—Section 1—Taikoo v St Johns; HKU v K.C.C.; Kowloon Dock v St Teresa "B". Section 2—St Teresa "A" v Chung Wah; Tytam v Kowloon Tong.

Tuesday, Jan. 9.—Chinese Y v V.R.C.

MIXED DOUBLES

Friday, Dec. 1.—Chinese Y "Blue" v Shallanders; Kowloon Dock v St Teresa "B"; St Teresa "A" v Craigengower; Taikoo v Chinese Y White; Club Recreio v HKU.

Tuesday, Dec. 5.—Chinese Y Blue v HKU; Kowloon Dock v Craigengower; St Teresa "A" v Chinese Y White; Taikoo v St Teresa "B"; Shallanders v Club Recreio.

Friday, Dec. 8.—Kowloon Dock v Chinese Y Blue; Taikoo v St Teresa "A"; Chinese Y White v Shallanders; Craigengower v Club Recreio; St Teresa "B" v Hongkong U.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Taikoo v Chinese Y Blue; Craigengower v Shallanders; St Teresa "A" v Kowloon Dock; Club Recreio v St Teresa "B"; Chinese Y White v Hongkong U.

Friday, Dec. 15.—Club Recreio v Chinese Y Blue; Craigengower v Hongkong U.; Chinese Y White v St Teresa "B"; Kowloon Dock v Taikoo; St Teresa "A" v Shallanders.

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—Chinese Y Blue v St Teresa "B"; Craigengower v Kowloon Dock; Kowloon Docks v Shallanders; St Teresa "A" v Club Recreio; Hongkong U. v Taikoo.

Friday, Jan. 5, 1951.—Chinese Y White v Chinese Y "Blue"; Shallanders v Taikoo; St Teresa "A" v

Scholarship Courses In Athletics

London, Nov. 27.

The Amateur Athletic Association have decided to use the balance of the G. H. Hogsflesh and C. W. F. Pearce Memorial Funds for scholarship courses at the Association's summer school, to be held at Loughborough College, Leicestershire, from August 11 to 25 next year.—Reuter.

St. Andrew's W Golf Match At Fanling

In their annual golf ma Fanling on Sunday, St A drew's Society gained a c vincing victory over St Georg Society by 32 points to 23¼. Scores were:

SINGLES

S. S. Gordon (St Andrew 1, W.O. Davies 0; J.B. R ½, Capt. J. G. Hillery ½; Smart 0, L.R. Andrews 1½; A Coleman 1; P.F. Watkinson 0; C Cumming 1, H.M. Snow 0; H Watson 0, G.E. Marden 1; J. Macintyre 1, R.G. Grey 0; A. McBride ½, A.D. Humphreys G. Stewart 1, W.S. Vaughan R.C. Gairdener 0, S. Allen 1; R Rodger 1¼, Maj. E.N. Thurs Col. J.B. Macfarlane 1, Col. Chandler 0; I.H.G. Thomson T.F.R. Waters 0; D.S. Robb T.A. Pearce 0; G.A. Leiper J.E. Richardson ¼; F.D. Rung 1, L. Goldman 0; A. Mack 1 W.E.P. Strestfield 0; W.G. F bertson 0, N.J. Whelpton 1¼; K. Miller ½, W. Stoker ½; K.S. R bertson 1¼, E.J.H. Mitchell W.H. Paterson 1, H.D. Bidwell T.B. Low 1¼, H.F. Phillips R.S. Barry 1, E.H. Sainsbury R.M. Keown ¼, H.H. Mundy W.D. Leighton 1¼, W.P. Bu whistle 0; R.M. Campbell 0, Ca R.A. Grigg 1.

FOURSOMES

Gordon & Kite 2, Davies & H lery 0; Robb & Leiper 2, Pearce Richardson 0; Smart & Coleman Andrews & Watkinson 2; Hunter Mack 0, Goldman & Streatfield Cumming & Watson 2, Snow Marden 0; W.G. Robertson & M jer 0, Whelpton & Stoker 2; Machrye & McBride 2, Grey & Hun breys 0; K.S. Robertson & Paterson 0 Mitchell & Bidwell 2; Stewart & Gairdner 2, Vaughan Allen 0; Barry & Low 0, Phillips Sainsbury 2½; Rodger & Macfar lane 2, Thursby & Chandler Keown & Leighton 0, Mundy Birtwhistle 2½; Thomson & Camp bell 0, Waters & Grigg 2; Fou somes Total 12, 15; Singles To 20, 8¼; Grand Total 32, 23¼.

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FOURSOMES

Gordon & Kite 2, Davies & Hillery 0; Robb & Leiper 2, Pearce & Richardson 0; Smart & Coleman 1, Andrews & Watkinson 2; Hunter & Mack 0, Goldman & Streatfield 1; Cumming & Watson 2, Snow & Marden 0; W.G. Robertson & Miller 0, Whelpton & Stoker 2; Macintyre & McBride 2, Grey & Humphreys 0; K.S. Robertson & Paterson 0; Mitchell & Bidwell 2; Stewart & Gairdner 2, Vaughan & Allen 0; Barry & Low 0, Phillips & Sainsbury 2½; Rodger & Macfarlane 2, Thursby & Chandler 0; Keown & Leighton 0, Mundy & Birtwhistle 2½; Thomson & Campbell 0, Waters & Grigg 2; Foursomes Total 12, 15; Singles Total 20, 8¼; Grand Total 32, 23¼.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TWELFTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 2nd December, 1950.

There are eight races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—$16.00) may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

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The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

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These are some of the Gremlins who play hockey, the graduate Gremlins who have given up homework and are supposed to keep clear of Kai Tak both day and night.

They are lined up as they take the field, but in a rather unorthodox manner. That comes of one of the whims of their skipper, Mrs Maud Read, who is no believer in forwards being in front.

As a result of Mrs Read's decision that the forwards should be relegated to the third row, every Gremlin is a bigger one than she would have been. Our photographer thinks that shows Mrs Read can get the best out of her team.

The Gremlins here are not all local ones. Several are from Shanghai. Mixed in with them, too, is a Mermaid-turned-Gremlin.

As they take the field, they are:

The forwards—Noele Simmons, Renate Kerr, Hilda Fowler, Doris Barten and Valerie Slade.

The half-back line—Dianne Sanders (reserve), Sheila Abraham, Marjorie McNeil and Naomi Abraham.

The defence—Kay Baldock, Maud Read and Joan Gerrard.—Photo by China Mail Staff Photographer.

The Pentangular Rugby Tournament

NAVY DIDN'T QUITE HAVE THE BREAKS AGAINST CLUB IN LOSING 6-3

A Grand Game Played In Its True Spirit

BY "AXIOM"

The large crowd which turned out to watch the Navy and Club clash in the Pentangular Rugby Tournament were not disappointed; play at times reached a high standard and finished amid tremendous excitement with the Club flinging defence to the winds in an attempt to cross their opponents' line.

It was a grand game played in its true spirit and was featured by superb tackling with the Navy not quite getting the breaks. I thought they deserved to share the spoils.

With Meffan making a last minute call off, the Club selectors took a bold step and introduced Campbell at five eighth. The Club pack proved more than equal to the task, all seven did magnificient work although their efforts were completely nullified by the outsides, especially Nolan and Campbell who parted with the ball far too late and thus wasted the extra man in the line.

Club went into the attack right from the kick-off and for ten minutes remained deep in Navy territory. Low hard tackling by Norman and company thwarted all efforts to score and with Kelly and Jones rendering yeoman support the club three's went down like ninepins.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

Navy came away with a good forward rush but were soon forced on the defensive and Kelly, coming away too fast from the scrum, was penalised for offside.

J. Henderson put the club three points up from an easy position. Play continued at breakneck speed, Thornycroft went close with a penalty and Williams raised the Navy's hopes with a neat run but most of the pressure came from the Club whose threes had by now in the face of fierce tackling resorted to short kicking ahead.

From a scrum in front of the Navy posts another offside infringement gave J. Henderson the opportunity to increase the Club's lead to six points.

Club continued to enjoy the better of the exchanges. Stewart livened the proceedings with an electrifying burst which came to nought through lack of support. The Club deserved their half-time lead. Most of the sailors endeavours up to the breathing spell had been confined to spirited foot rushes which, although relieving their [illegible] never developed into dangerous attack.

MORE DETERMINED

On resuming, the sailors appeared more determined and [illegible] out infringement and, with the Navy forwards putting tremendious zeal into their loose work, things looked dangerous for the Club. One wild clearance almost resulted in a score.

From the twenty-five, the Club forwards with Forsgate and Handcock in van, rushed the ball well down the field but the sailors were far from through. Norman brilliantly cut through the centre and, although just brought down by Henderson, his parting pass to Williams enabled the latter to touch down but Handcock's amazing corner flag effort nearly prevented the score.

WENT CLOSE

Bence's convert attempt from a difficult angle went very close. The Navy supporters, wild with delight, roared for the equaliser but the incentive had passed to the Club who flung themselves into the attack. But the sailors' stout defence was still holding firm when Doc. Eberle sounded up-side.

This Navy XV has put new life into local rugger. Walsh, Lemon and Norman were the best of a grand back division with Williams not far behind, up front. The pack tried really hard all through and were perhaps best served by Jones, Fawcett, Bence and Thornycroft.

The navy club forwards gave an exhibition of sheer guts which unhappily was not matched by their outsides, who lacked above all, determination and sparkle.

In a way it is unfair to single out any of the seven but I must mention Mantle's grand hooking and in fact respective spheres, namely, attack and defence, Forsgate and Handcock struck me as being the best.

First Match With Swedish Team On Saturday

The team to represent Hongkong against the Djaurden Club of Sweden football side on the Club ground, Happy Valley, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. was selected at a meeting held at the HKFA offices last night with Mr C. Guimgam in the Chair

It was also announced that the Danish Odense team had accepted the terms offered by the HKFA and will be visiting the Colony shortly for a series of matches.

A letter had been received from the All-India team thanking the FA and friends for kindnesses shown during their recent tour here.

Mr R.M. Omar, Secretary of the Football Association, announced that gross receipts from the All-India matches were $191,000 of which $62,800 went to the Indian visitors. There were expenses to be met and the net gain by the FA would be approximately $60,000.

The Swedish players are due to arrive in the Colony by air tomorrow.

COLONY SELECTION

The Hongkong team was selected as follows:

Yu Yue-tak (KMB); Hau Yung-sang (KMB) and Ng Ket-cheung (Kwong Wah); Tang Sam (KMB), Tennucci (Army) and Tong Sheung (South China); Ho Ying-fun (KMB), Chau Man-chi (KMB) (Capt), Gardner (Club), Yu Chuk-yin (South China) and Mok Chun-wah (South China); Team Manager—Mr Louis Lui.

The Swedes will meet the Combined Chinese in the second match and in the third, to be played in the Club ground on Wednesday, December 6, at 3.30 p.m. they will meet a Hongkong eleven which was chosen last night as follows:

Chu Chi-sing; Tsang and Lai Wai; Kwok Ying-kee, Soong Ling-sing (Capt) and Santos; Xavier Tunkin, Tong Wong, Chu Wing-keung and Lee Tai-fai; Team Manager — Mr Lui. Those players will be reserves for the Interport match.

The Colony team, selected to play on Saturday, will shortly travel to Manila for a triangular series in which the Swedes will be taking part. Five matches have been arranged.

Travelling with the Hongkong team as reserves will be Wong Hsih-chee, Kwok Ying-kee, Soong Ling-sing, Santos, Chu Wing-keung and Lee Chun-fat with Messrs Lee Wai-tong and L.G. Young as team managers.

Newcomers to representative football in the Colony are splendid Royal Navy inside forward.

ADMISSION PRICES

At a meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee held on November 15 it was agreed that the prices of admission to the Swedish games be as follows:

No. 1 Stand — $10, all seats to be allocated to Clubs.

No. 2 Stand (Centre)—$10, all seats to be allocated to Clubs.

No. 2 Stand (Wings)—$6, all seats to be open for sale to members of the public.

End Stands, $3 — all seats to be open for sale to members of the public.

Seats for Servicemen at $2 will be provided in the same manner as during the Indian series.

The meeting also decided that Council Members and players be entitled to purchase a specified number of $10 and $6 tickets.

REF's vs REST

At a meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association last night it was decided to play the match between the Army referees and the Rest on New Year's Day. Members of the Press will officiate.

The annual match against the Press will be played later in the season.

Army Football

Army Major League football matches to be played tomorrow are as follows:

At Stanley, 18th Div Bty RA v. R.M.A. (Ref. Capt. J. H. Stone, HQLF); at Lyemun, HQLF v. H.K. Sigs. (Ref. Sgt Nash, HQLF); at Sookunpoo, R.A.S.C. v. 130th Mortar Bty, RA. (Ref. Capt. Bissett, RASC); at Happy Valley, 7th (Coast) Bty RA v. 56th Med Bty RA (Ref. Sgt Edwards, HQRA).

All matches kick off at 3 p.m.

MINOR LEAGUE ZONE

At Sookunpoo, R.M.R. v. R.A.F.C. (Ref. Sgt Hayes, HQLF); at Stanley, R.C.A.S.C. (23 Lorries, Bty (Pte Cassidy, HQLF); at Repulse Bay, R.A.O.C. Depot v. R.C.O.D.U. (Pte Wood, Smith, HQLF).

BUSINESS ONLY

R. W. Bentley, Amateur England rugby player and coach has been selected to play for Surrey and now touring Australia with England team. Bentley is a member of the Richmond Rugby Club.

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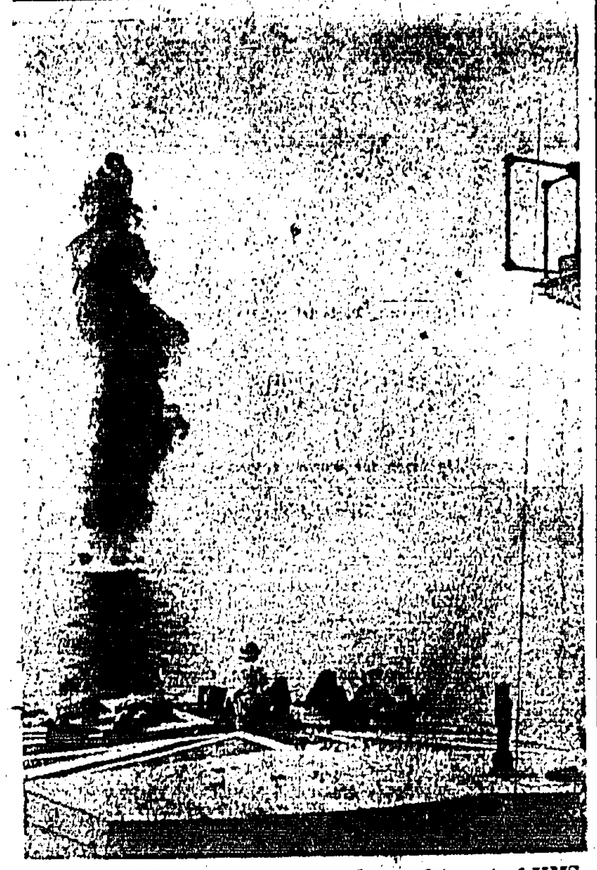


Royal Marines are seen on a forward turret of HMS Kenya as they explode a floating mine with Bren guns, off the coast of Korea, where they have been playing their part in the continuing battle against the Communists of the North.—London Express Service.

STATE HANGING "REPULSIVE"

Viscount Templewood, giving evidence before the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment in London, said he was opposed to capital punishment in peace-time. "However carefully the death penalty is inflicted, a State execution is a repulsive proceeding," he said.

As Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Templewood was Home Secretary in 1937-39. He is president of the Howard League for Penal Reform and chairman of the Magistrates' Association.

Capital punishment was objectionable, he said, because:

Contrary to the modern developments of penal reform, it abandoned the possibility of reforming the murderer.

Being irrevocable, it gave no opportunity for reversing a wrong sentence.

It placed a hateful duty on all who took part in an execution; and

It lowered the moral standard of the whole community.

EVIDENCE OF 35 STATES

Its only justification would be the safety of the State. The evidence of no fewer than 35 abolitionist States clearly showed that abolition had nowhere led to an increase in the rate of murder. It showed also that murderers could be reformed.

He hoped the commission would advise suspension of executions for a sufficient period to test the effect of substituting life imprisonment as a deterrent against murder.

Sir Ernest Gowers, chairman: Do you regard the mere deprivation of liberty as being sufficient punishment from the retributive element?

Lord Templewood: If it is accompanied by a wise and effective prison system. I think the deprivation of liberty is a punishment much greater than most people imagine. But it ought to be accompanied by a rigid and austere life of hard training.

EX-INDIAN JUDGE'S VIEW

Sir John Beaumont, K.C., a former Chief Justice of Bombay, who also gave evidence, said: "There is no class of offence in which the degree of moral culpability differs more than in the case of murder.

"It seems to me wholly illogical to require a judge to pass the same sentence in every case."

He suggested that the normal penalty for murder be imprisonment for life or for any term of years not less than (say) five years, unless the judge, for reasons to be stated by him in passing sentence, saw fit to impose the death penalty.

CHILDREN 'AS 'GUINEA PIGS'

Thousands of Britain's children are "guinea-pigs" in experiments by experts of the Government sponsored National Foundation of Educational Research to discover the best type of education for each child—as an individual.

Reports are being prepared about the problems of 11-year-olds leaving primary schools, the use of school record cards, and the effect of school rewards and punishments.

Other work has included a study of the reactions of infant schoolchildren at Ilford, Essex, to school films, and the use of films in teaching languages.

The merits of Greek and Latin as a basis for a classical type of education have also

CLOCK WITH A 'WATERFALL' INSIDE

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

FUN seems to flicker over the loathsome surface of my paper like summer lightning over a mountain of rollymolly and tumble-cumtrivy.

First, there is a picture of W. G. Grace in his cricket cap, his benign face moored in 40 fathom of beard. Beneath is written: "The Siegfried of Britain." Now rat me and sink me and stuff me with eels, if I ever thought of a more exquisite comparison. All you have to do, to savour the richness of it, is to imagine Siegfried (in his cricket cap) at Lord's, or W. G. Grace facing Brunhilde on a rocky wicket.

Mrs McGurgle's American

THE inspector who had interviewed Mr Chadstone reported that the McGurgle establishment certainly qualified for Government aid, as it seemed to be full of American visitors. But a higher official was suspicious, and went along himself. On the doorstep he ran into the librarian. "Atta, pal," said Mr Chadstone. "You from New Orleans?" asked the official. "Sucker," replied the librarian, "you have said a mouthful. Yassah, I sure am from Noo Orleens, law sakes, huh, huh, you all is doggone tellin' me." The official scratched his head. "You don't seem like an American," he said. "Buddy," replied the librarian, "when you'ze next in da States, I'll blow you to a baked clam and a barbican and some cookies like only ma old mammy can turn out." "Why should a lumber king choose this place to stay? I thought they all lived in suites in London?" "Patootie," replied the librarian, "I guess guys of my sort go big for a slice of democratic living. And now, if you'll excuse me, I must be scramming, bozo. Wanna look up something in da public library, yoo-hoo."

Twenty Years of Uproar

Jazz concerts will probably be sponsored as there was little support for the symphony concerts. (News item).

SUCH warnings should always be given in good time, to avoid a repetition of what happened at Swindon. The orchestra was in the middle of a symphony when cat-calls began. The conductor, to curry favour, at once clapped on a false nose and began to dance about, while the orchestra abandoned the symphony, and plunged into "Godda Git Ma Maann," to which the entire audience sang the words.

Grand census gala

TO guard against a universal boycott of next year's census, Suet has suggested that the whole thing should be organised more as a popular quiz or questionnaire, designed to appeal to the public, than as a Government foolery. Suet wants to add to the census form a few questions about film stars. He thinks this would induce people to fill up the form. Also, every town should elect a Census Queen, who would be kissed by the Mayor after he had signed his form. Mimsie Slopcorner might tour England, as Miss Census, and read out, on the steps of Town Halls, such questions as, "Was your grandmother (paternal) happily married?"

DUMB-BELLS

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

IF you are born today, you have a high potential for success. The stars have given you a studious, analytical and investigative mind. You are seldom satisfied with superficialities. On the other hand, your inventive and imaginative mind sometimes leads you to exaggerate—optimistic exaggeration of some idea you are promoting. Fortunately, your capabilities usually enable you to make these day-dreams come true. But you must be a little cautious in this regard.

You have tremendous energy; the ability for concentrated, hard work; and the will to get to the top of the ladder of success. You enjoy travel, but will subordinate it to obligations. If your work called upon you to visit foreign lands, that would be highly satisfying. You are fond of nature and should plan to spend some of your time away from the city. Use these periods for rest, relaxation and the storing up of energies for future hard work. Be careful of your good health in youth. Don't abuse it.

Your affections are deep and sincere and while you, yourself, may not be the demonstrative type, you are happiest if wed to someone who will "fuss" over you and see that your every wish is satisfied.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may anticipate substantial business gains if the necessary endeavour is made.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An even temper will grease the wheels of progress for you. Business affairs should prosper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Co-operate with those in your office for the best results. Be friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Accept responsibility for some important group action. Get results.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Extend the hospitality of your home to close friends. You can be a successful host or hostess.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If anticipating a trip, make definite plans for it now. Radio activities are also favoured.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Don't let rumours influence your decisions. Be positive of your facts before you act.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Exert caution when dealing with outsiders or previously-made plans will go astray. Use discretion.

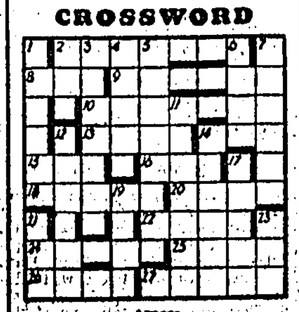
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Haste can make waste; so be on your guard against an accident. Notice all traffic signs!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Guard someone you love against rumour or gossip. You can dispel the effects if you try.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Concentrate on some important objective and recognition should be forthcoming. Career interests are important.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Organise a gathering of congenial friends for this evening. Be successful as a host or hostess.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Decidedly good for nothing. (7)
6. Many but not a thousand. (4)
8. Fruit. (6)
10. Beginning means to be added to. (4)
11. A piece of this was easy to the A.A. (4)
13. Primary measures. (3)
14. Myself in tide going out. (3)
16. Not the kind of future an artist would pass as Venus. (3)
18. Money from Foop in India. (3)
20. Sharp (5). A broken seal. (4)
22. Cut (3) in County Clare or in York. (3)
23. Not this in Kerryman. (4)
25. Caged animals. (6)
27. Sprinkle. (5)

Down

2. Sometimes useful as a ruler. (3)
3. She's not informed when she's at Ware. (3)
4. To quarrel to make one's heart ache. (7)
5. Have you here one exactly the same? (5)
6. There's no good fortune about this. (6)
7. The poet called "the very thing" (4)
9. Cash in the pocket? (6)
12. Was it through this the Ark was upset by a gust? (5)
15. Some alarm, this. (4)
17. Bittersweet. (6)
19. Fills fingers with a ring. (6)
21. Turn on the side. (4)
24. Can you remember the thing to be proved in Euclid? (3)
26. Heard are a dozen there's not enough. (3)

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

A NEW YORK woman willed her chauffeur $10,000—and he didn't drive her to it.

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Stay out all night and sleep all day if you want to have a hard time finding your place in the sun.

One of the best alarm clocks is bacon and eggs cooking on the kitchen stove.

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In more ways than one you are better off with health than wealth. Nobody tries to borrow it.

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Everybody knows exactly how to raise children except the people who live on either side of you.

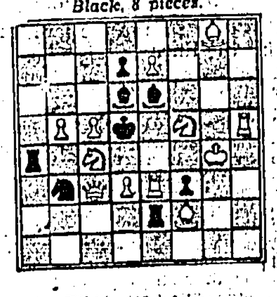
Check Your Knowledge

1. What was the English novelist Ouida's real name?
2. Who invented the first practical sewing machine?
3. Name the highest mountain peak in Europe.
4. In mythology who was the wife of Ulysses?
5. Name the world's largest art gallery.
6. What historic document

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Kt-K6, any; 2, Q or Kt mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Diamonds

By T. O. HARE

"SUPPOSE (said Badger to Weasel) "you are dealt nine cards - four Hearts, four Diamonds, one Club. They are shuffled and you draw two at random. What are the odds against their both being Hearts?"

Weasel considered. "That's very difficult," he said. "The odds are five to one against."

"Correct," said Badger. "Now have a shot at this. Your nine cards are again shuffled and divided into three equal portions—three cards in each. You select one of the three and remove the top card without looking at it. What are the odds against the two remaining cards both being Diamonds?"

Again Weasel went into a huddle. "That one's beyond me," he said finally.

Can you answer Badger's question?

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

George Calls Smart Playing 'Generosity'

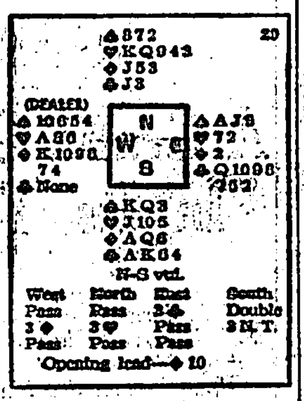
By OSWALD JACOBY

"YOU'RE both such fine fellows that I can't make up my mind which of you I like better," said Generous George. "I'll tell you what I'll do though. I'll give you this trick and you can decide between you who deserves it more. Anything you say is all right with me."

"We're really touched," growled West. "Some day you're going to get laryngitis and then you won't be able to play bridge."

West had opened the ten of diamonds, and Generous George let it ride around to his queen. George did a little thinking and decided that West was undoubtedly void of clubs. It wasn't too much to expect that East had the seven missing clubs for his opening bid of three clubs. (The bid was a little shabby even so.)

In addition, West's prompt rescue at three diamonds indicated extreme shortness in clubs. Finally, the fact that West had led away from his king of diamonds (not an attractive



lead) indicated that he didn't have even a singleton club to lead.

At the second trick, George led the jack of hearts, holding the trick. He continued hearts, and West properly held up his ace until the third round.

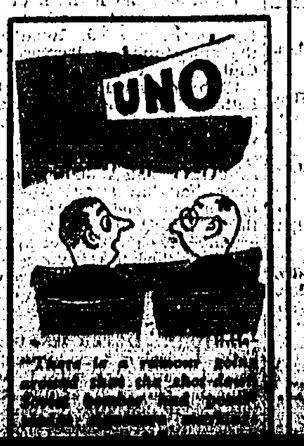
West then shifted to the four of spades, and George really outdid himself in his attempt to be generous to his opponents. When East played the ace of spades, George dropped the queen!

East tried to get out by leading the jack of spades, and George won with the king. It was at this point that George led the three of spades from his hand and made his little speech.

West dared not put up the ten of spades because, although he could cash another spade, he would then be forced to lead diamonds. Dummy would be able to win a trick with the jack of diamonds and take the hearts. West therefore played a low spade, hoping that his partner could exit safely in clubs.

East was obliged to win with the nine of spades and lead the clubs. When East led the ten of clubs, George let it ride around to dummy's jack. Dummy could then cash the remaining hearts after which George's own hand was good for the rest of the tricks.

POCKET CARTOON



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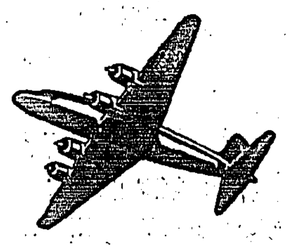

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	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIPONDOK"	7th Dec.	7th Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK"		10th Jan. '51
"RUYS"	19th Dec.	7th Mar. '51
"BOISSEVAIN"	18th Jan. '51	

● JAPAN

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIKAMPEK"	5th Dec.	10th Dec.
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"RUYS"	4th Jan. '51	23rd Jan. '51
"BOISSEVAIN"	5th Mar. '51	

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"MELISKERK"	9th Feb. '51	Mid Jan. '51

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London Stocks Affected By The War News

London, Nov. 27.

The war news from Korea had a depressing effect on the London Stock Exchange today.

British Government bonds eased 1/16th to ¼ of a pound per bond.

The majority of industrial shares shed small fractions. Rubber and copper stocks were firm.

The Financial Times' daily index was 117.8, off 0.1.—Associated Press.

Late Rally Clipped On Wall Street

New York, Nov. 27.

The stock market closed in lower price territory today after a late rally was clipped in the final minutes.

Prices were again on the decline at the finish.

Many early losses were reduced or eliminated before the recovery petered out.

Success of the Red forces' counter-attacks against the United Nations Army in Korea and Socialist gains in an election in the Bavarian States of Western Germany were the most potent factors in sending prices into a tailspin at the start.

Dow Jones Averages:

20 Industrials	234.96
15 Rails	70.52
10 Utilities	40.09

—Associated Press.

India To Buy Wheat From United States

Washington, Nov. 27.

American officials estimated that the Department of Agriculture will be willing to sell milo to India at about $1.80. Earlier this year India bought two lots and in September 627,000 tons of milo from the United States at 1.40. However, at that time there were ECA funds available to compensate the Agriculture Department. The Department has to pay the American farmers the full current market price for milo under the crop support programme.

The situation regarding wheat is more complicated since the United States cannot do more than use its influence in an effort to get India's wants fulfilled. However, the two countries which received wheat under the international wheat agreement, Italy and Brazil, had not bought the full quotas to which they are entitled in the United States this year.—United Press.

Japanese Bonds Fall In NY

New York, Nov. 27.

Japanese bonds fell today as the bond market sagged. The 5½s were off 2¼ points and the 6½s a fraction after falling four points at the opening.

An isolated case of strength on the market developed in Manila Railroad Fours which advanced 6½ points to 62½ on sale of Four bonds.—Associated Press.

New York Rubber Futures

New York, Nov. 27.

Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 1.25 lower to 1.00 higher.

December	60.00
March	51.50
May	47.00
July	44.00 bid

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 64 nominal.—Associated Press.

SUGAR IN NY

New York, Nov. 27.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed quiet, no sales.

World sugar futures No. 4 closed seven to nine higher.

March	4.87
May	4.84 bid
July	4.66
September	4.65 bid
Raw sugar spot	6.15 nominal

—Associated Press.

New York Metals

New York, Nov. 27.

Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Platinum, (soft, 99.8 percent fine) Per ounce, 91 bid/94 asked.—United Press.

NY Copper Futures

New York, Nov. 27.

Copper futures closed 25 higher to 25 lower.

COMMODITY ALLOCATION SUGGESTION BY FRANCE

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 27.

The French Government want supplies of raw materials from the Sterling Area to be allocated to Western European countries. It is expected to make this proposal at Friday's meeting of the OEEC which will study a report on scarce commodities.

M. Robert Buron, French Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, had week-end talks in London with Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Trade, and Mr George Strauss, Minister of Supply, to seek British support for the French proposal.

Although many of the commodities concerned in the OEEC report come mainly from the Sterling Area—wool, tin and rubber are outstanding examples—the British Government take the view that world shortages and high prices which accompany them are chiefly due to the American stockpiling programme, and arrangements which do not include America are therefore unworkable.

An opportunity has been provided for further talks along these lines by an American invitation to the OEEC to send a delegation to Washington to discuss the matter. Later attempts may be made to discuss the question of commodity supplies on a world-wide basis but the problems that would face such a conference would be enormous.

Suggestions for some form of international allocation of raw materials have come from France and the United States but their reasons for wanting allocation schemes differ. The French are concerned about the high price of commodities while the Americans are more worried about the availability of supplies.

STERLING AREA'S VIEWS

So far as the Sterling Area is concerned any attempt to interfere with free marketing arrangements already in existence would be resisted.

One method of conserving supplies in Western Europe has already been suggested. This is to restrict exports to Eastern Europe.

The drawback here is that Eastern European countries would probably retaliate in kind and this would add to the scramble for limited supplies of those raw materials at present imported from Eastern Europe which would then have to be obtained elsewhere.

Rubber Futures In Singapore

Singapore, Nov. 27.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber per lb. November	167 -168
Number 1 rubber, December	163½-164½
Number 1 rubber, January (1951)	158 -159
Number 2 rubber, November	163 -164
Number 3 rubber, November	159 -160
Number 4 rubber, November	154 -157
Spot rubber, unbaled	173 -174
Black crepe	126 -128
No. 1 pale crepe	175 -180

—United Press.

Gray Goods Markets

New York, Nov. 27.

A strong undertone in the cotton gray goods market was reported with considerable price checking for spot and early 1951 deliveries.

The firmness of raw cotton prices and fresh concern over the Korean situation brought the revival of interest which late last week was marking time in hopes of an early end of the Korean fighting. — United Press.

New Orleans Cotton

New Orleans Nov. 27.

Closing cotton prices:—

SPOT	43.15
December	43.35
March (1951)	42.94
May	42.52 - 42.54
December	35.85 bid
March (1952)	35.75 bid
May	35.40 bid

—United Pre s.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $187,623.90. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follow:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1330	10 @ 1340	
		10 @ 1340	
INSURANCES			
Underwriters	3.10		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.		500 @ 72½c	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf ..	69	92	
N. Pt. Wharf	5	5.80	
Providents ..	11¾		
S'hai Dock .	3.20		
Wheelock ...	25¼		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	7½	8	
HK Land ..		47	
S'hai Land .	1.15		
UTILITIES			
Tram	13½	13½	200 @ 13¼
Star Ferry .	79		
C. Light (o)	14.60	14.80	2000 @ 14¾
			200 @ 14¾
			500 @ 14¾
			3000 @ 14¾
C. Light (N)		9.60	100 @ 9½
Electric	28½	29	200 @ 28½
			100 @ 28½
			1600 @ 28½
			100 @ 28½
INDUSTRIALS			
Telephone ..			200 @ 11
Cement	14	14¾	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	14	14½	666 @ 14.10
Dairy (N) .	12½	13	333 @ 12.60
Watson	23	24	
COTTONS			
Ewo	2½	3	

Another Decline In Tin Prices

London, Nov. 27.

Tin prices were again lower at the morning session today. Turnover was 90 tons.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	1,000
Spot tin, sellers	1,010
Business done at	none
Three-months tin buyers	915
Three-months tin, sellers	920
Business done at	920-911
Settlement	1,005

—United Press.

LONDON RUBBER

London, Nov. 27.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed as follows:—

No. 1 rubber, (in cents per lb.)	82½
January	49¼-50
January/March	48 -48½
April/June	42½-43
July/September	39¼-40
October	36½-37

—United Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Los Angeles, Nov. 27.

Ship arrivals Sunday: Washington Mail from Nato, Philippines; President Wilson and American Veteran from Yokohama.

Sailed: Inverness County and Nicolaou Zografia for Tsingtao.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling note (per £)	10.16
U.S. dollars (per $1)	6.437
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	5.00
Siam ticals (per 100)	27.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.77
PIC piastres (per 100)	13.10

New Industry Is Helping Britain

Bishop's Stortford, Nov. 27.

In a former laundry, a small firm here have developed a formula for synthetic resin which brings a new industry to Britain.

The resin is proving valuable to scientists, research organisations, and hospital laboratories.

In the synthetic resin, biological specimens can be preserved for all time—and can be examined without distortion under the microscope.

The firm, E. M. Cromwell and Co., are using a process developed by Mr. P. E. Purvis, of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

When Professor Julian Huxley brought over a formula for manufacturing a synthetic resin it was developed for the preservation of specimens at the Natural History Museum.

Then it became obvious that the synthetic resin was a preservative of utmost value to medical science and museums.

A small company was formed to develop it further and this little Hertfordshire town now has an industry which could

Fair Gains In Chicago Grain Market

Chicago, Nov. 27.

A rapid advance at the start soon petered out on the Board of Trade today. But all grains held on to fair-sized gains.

War news from Korea caused heavy demand in all pits at the opening bell. With trading very active, grains started with advances which ranged to more than eight cents in soybeans.

This urgent demand did not last long. After it was satisfied, the market slid down a few cents from its peak. From then onward to the close cereals maintained a firm tone above Saturday's close in rather slow dealings.

Wheat closed ¾ to 1 ¼ higher.

December	$2.20⅝ - ⅞
March	2.21¼ - ⅜
May	2.21 - 30⅜
July	2.24⅛ - ⅜
Corn December	1.60¼ - ⅜
Oats December	53⅛ - ⅜
Rye December	1.46 - $1.45⅝

Soybeans were 4 ¼-5½ higher.

January	2.90 - $2.89⅛

—Associated Press.

SELLING ON COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 27.

Cotton futures settled back today after a strong start, but still managed to hold a small-size gain at the finish. Increased hedge selling and a final flurry of December liquidation before the first notice day on Tuesday found less aggressive mill and other trade demand. Rye December delivery closed up only 8 points after rising as much as 63 points. Observers did not look for anything unusual in the way of December tenders. They believed that a good part of long interest there had been transferred to later months.

The December and March spread narrowed to around 80 points as against 60 points a week ago. Mill interest was aggressive and buyers until March delivery crossed the 43½ cent level. The active positions showed a maximum gain of 63 to 92 points, but when trade demand slackened, the market appeared to be vulnerable to increased hedge selling and December liquidation.

The market closed only 5 to 28 points higher.

Prices closed today as follows:—

December	43.30-43.38
May	42.33
July	41.63
October	36.45
December	36.90
March (1952)	35.01
May	35.50

—United Press.

Bank Quotations

New York, Nov. 27.

Closing bank quotations:

	bid	asked
Bank of America	27⅞	29⅛
Chase National	37¼	39⅛
National City	45¼	47⅛

—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "TAIPING"

Arrived 27th Nov. 1950

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs Goddard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf, No. 47/50 Godown from 10 a.m. on Thursday 30th November and Friday, 1st December, 1950, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during survey.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 1st December, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd December, 1950, will be subject to rent.

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s.s. "HINSANG"	Sandakan	Noon	30th Nov.
s.s. "WINGSANG"	Keelung		6th Dec.
s.s. "EASTERN QUEEN"	Straits & Calcutta		13th Dec.
s.s. "KUTSANG"	Japan		16th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "WINGSANG"	Keelung	3rd Dec.
s.s. "PRONTO"	Tientsin	7th Dec.
s.s. "KUTSANG"	Calcutta & Straits	12th Dec.

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*m.v. "KAFIRISTAN"	Lae, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide	11th Dec.

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s.s. "EASTERN GLORY"	Australian Ports via Japan	29th Nov.
m.v. "KAFIRISTAN"	Japan	10th Dec.

*Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to Tasmania, New Zealand and Pacific Island Ports.

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m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"
Loads 19th December, sails 21st December, for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, London, Rotterdam/Amsterdam, Hamburg and Antwerp. Due London 1st. February.

(Carriers option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge cargo)

SCHEDULED ARRIVALS FROM LONDON

	Leave London	Due H.K.
m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"	Sailed	1st Dec.
m.v. "GLENEARN"	Sailed	8th Dec.
m.v. "GLENGARRY"	21st Nov.	25th Dec.
m.v. "RADNORSHIRE"	5th Dec.	10th Jan.

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m.v. "FLINTSHIRE"	Sailed	11th Dec.

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m.v. "EASTERN PRINCE"	Sailed	6th Dec	2nd Jan.

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Air mail service to Korea is resumed, unregistered correspondence only can be accepted at 40 cents per half ounce.

The public are reminded that the last collection from Pillar Boxes to connect with Sunday closing despatches is 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Unless otherwise stated. Registered Articles (by air or sea) and Parcel Posts close One Hour earlier than the ordinary mail. Where mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other days, registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

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Closing Times By Air
Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A., (letters second class mail and parcels) Guam, (letters and second class mail) Canada, (letters only), 5 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Closing Times By Air
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Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
B.N. Borneo, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Closing Times By Air
Canada & U.S.A., 11 a.m.
Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Siam, Malaya & Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Siam, 2 p.m.
Australia, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Malaya, 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
Closing Times By Air
Indo-China, French North Africa and France, 5 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Persian Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Weasel fell into a trap here the division of the nine cards into three equal portions is an irrelevance. In effect two cards are (as before) being drawn at random from nine. And, since the number of Diamonds is equal to the number of Hearts the relevant odds are the same 1-1.

Five to one against
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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. Louisa de la Ramee. 2. Elias Howe. 3. Elbruz in the Caucasus Range. 4. Penelope. 5. The Louvre, Paris, France. 6. The Atlantic Peace Charter.

Barge In Tow To H.K. Sinks In Heavy Seas

Four Lives Feared Lost

The 500 ton barge L460 heavily loaded with steel on its way to Hongkong under tow, has sunk in a position NNE of the Lima Islands. This cable news was received at five o'clock this morning by the Hongkong Transportation Co. Ltd., owners of the barge.

News that the L460, one of the two barges towed by the Tiburon had sprung a leak, was first received by Mr W. G. Robertson director of the Hongkong Transportation Co. yesterday evening.

A tugboat belonging to Taikoo Dockyard was immediately despatched to the scene to give assistance but due to bad weather and poor visibility no contact was possible with the barge in distress.

The Tiburon also cabled the Naval authorities in Hongkong and it is understood that a naval boat arrived shortly afterwards.

Mr W. G. Robertson this morning said that the Tiburon was on its regular trip to Hongkong towing two barges carrying steel for construction of barges in Hongkong.

The Tiburon has been doing a regular trip with two barges in tow and this is the first time that anything had gone wrong added Mr Robertson.

Due to the heavy seas and strong wind, the four crew members of the L460 are believed to have lost their lives.

No trouble is expected from the Communists occupying the Lima islands and so far their gun emplacements are quiet said Mr Robertson.

The Tiburon towing the remaining barge L452 is expected to reach Junk Bay today. Salvage operation will be carried out on the L460 as soon as the weather permits.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6. "Hongkong Calling". Programme Summary; 6.02, Marek Weber and his Orchestra; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio: Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S.K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Organ Solo; 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "Letter From America" by Alistair Cooke). (Recorded London Relay); 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" presented by Aileen Woods. (Studio); 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Box 200" Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ; 8.30, "Take it from Here" with Joy Nicholes, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBCTS); 9, Piano Recital by Wong Kuk-ying. (Studio); 9.30, "The Enjoyment of Music"—Talk No. 7 "Pattern" by the Rev: Father T.F. Ryan, S.J. (Studio); 10, Radio News Reel. (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "Education Week"—Reminiscences of Education in Hongkong by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Vice-Chancellor H.K. University and Y.P. Law (Studio); 10.30, "Time for Music"—The B.B.C. Midland Light Orchestra cond. by Gilbert Vinter. (BBCTS); 11, Dance to Glenn Miller and his Orchestra; 11.15, Goodnight Music.—London Promenade Orchestra; 11.29, Weather Report, God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

Sharp Gun Battle In Takuling

On the alert, the New Territories Police under Mr D. G. MacPherson, District Superintendent of N. T., ambushed a gang of six armed men in Ta Ku Ling near the border this morning.

The gun battle was the second engaged by the N.T. Police within the last 24 hours.

The Police engaged the six heavily armed men at Crown Ridge, Ta Ku Ling, early 4 a.m. today.

The fight lasted about 20 minutes during which the Police killed one, wounded another and captured two more. The other two managed to escape, but the Police are combing the nearby hills to locate them.

MONASTERY HOLD-UP

A large force of Police is still out combing the hill in Ha Fa Shan district, Tsun Wan, for the two gunmen who had held up a monastery last night.

Cornered by a party of Police under Insp. J.H. Rees who were on their way to make enquiries in connection with another crime, the two bandits offered armed resistance and engaged in a gun battle with the law officers after they had robbed the monastery. However, because of darkness, they succeeded in getting away from the Police cordon.

The bandits discarded their loot when confronted by the Police.

Big Interest In Education Week

So great has been public interest in Hongkong's Education Week that all tickets for Thursday's mass display at Sookunpoo, as well as for the two concerts—one tonight at King George V School and the other on Friday at King's College—have been applied for and allocated.

The organisers, therefore, greatly regret they cannot entertain any further applications for tickets to these three functions.

No Case To Answer

Court Discharges Engineer

Fred Jennings, 39, Chief Engineer of ss President Cleveland, who was charged with unauthorised discharge of fireworks, was discharged by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning when the Magistrate ruled that defendant had no case to answer.

Jointly charged with Jennings on the same offence were John William Helterbrand, 30, engineer, and Edward Eckert, 40, assistant engineer of the ss President Cleveland, who had their bails of $25 each estreated when they failed to appear in Court this morning to answer the charge.

PC 2004 Miu Ching-pu, in evidence, said that at about 9.50 p.m. last night while at Queen's Road Central near Pedder Street he saw a European firing fire crackers. The European was with defendant and he saw no others firing the crackers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tips And Comments

Sir,—I am sure I am not voicing my own wishes but that of the majority of the racing fans, that it would be greatly appreciated if you would publish the racing tips and comments in the Friday issue of your valued paper instead of Saturday. There is no gainsaying that the "Tips" as published in all the papers are very useful and much appreciated by the racing public, and if the publication could appear one day before the race meeting, it would give more time to those interested to study the forecasts from the various papers and prepare their own betting plans.

Thanking you.

RACING ENTHUSIAST.

["Rapier's" racing notes are published in the China Mail on a Friday, but final selections require the latest information as to form, which can only be obtained from the Friday morning gallops. Punters seeking assistance in making their own selections should consult the Friday racing comments in conjunction with the final tips published on Saturday morning. —Editor, China Mail.]

Further Evidence In Murder Trial

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONSTRUCTION OF "LAST MEAL"

A photograph reconstructing the "Last Meal" was produced in the Supreme Court this morning on the second day of the trial of Wong Wah-kit, 38-year-old hawker, who is charged with murdering a 15-year-old boy with a hand-made bomb.

Wong is alleged to have gone to the home of Wong Chi-keung, an Aberdeen cafe proprietor and thrown the bomb at the family who were sitting around a table eating their midday meal. The boy, Wong Ken-chuen and a three-year-old girl, Ho Tsai-yee, were killed.

The cafe proprietor's fokl, Chan Hung-kan told his story of the interrupted meal this morning. There were seven people at the table, he said, including the two children, the cafe proprietor and himself.

Mr Blair-Kerr, prosecuting, produced a photograph of the table in Wong Chi-keung's home at 57, Island Road, around which were seated models in the same positions as the original "players" on August 12.

"I was facing the door," said Chan, "when the door suddenly opened and in walked the accused. I saw him holding a smoking parcel in his hands. It was oval in shape and about eight inches by four.

"He came into the rooms and said 'May your family wholly perish. May you all die together.'

"He then threw the parcel which landed on a wooden bench on which the two children and I were sitting. My master overturned the table and I ran to the door.

"At the door I was intercepted by the accused who stood with both hands outstretched. I struggled with him, with my hand going for his neck.

"Then I heard the explosion. I was knocked unconscious. When I recovered I found myself sitting on a pile of debris. I heard accused saying 'If you don't die, I die.'

FLOOR GIVES WAY

"When the smoke cleared I caught hold of the accused and we struggled together. Suddenly the floor gave way and we fell through into a cockloft. Still struggling we rolled down a flight of stairs.

"Eventually we were pulled apart by a Police inspector. I told the Inspector that the accused had thrown a bomb, but Wong the hawker pointed at me and said 'You did!'"

Chan said he suffered from deafness after the explosion and spent five days in Queen Mary Hospital.

In answer to questions put by Mr Blair-Kerr, Chan said he heard the accused ask Wong for $200 the day before the explosion. He had said he wanted to go to Macao.

The trial is proceeding.

Damaged Tombstone: 8 Months For Man

The increase in the unlawful removal of metal identification marks from tombstones in the Colony's cemeteries was commented upon by Mr E. Warburton, Inspector of Cemeteries, before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when Chan Ng-choi, 20-year-old unemployed, was charged with causing malicious damage to property.

Chan was told by the Court that though this was his first offence, a heavy sentence had to be imposed as a deterrent, in view of the disclosures by Mr Warburton. He was given eight months.

Defendant pleaded guilty to causing damage to a tombstone at the Colonial Cemetery on November 26 amounting to the value of $35. Defendant's screw-driver used in the offence was ordered to be confiscated.

Mr Warburton told the Court that he had recently received many reports from cemeteries in Hongkong, including Roman Catholic and Mohammedan cemeteries about this kind of occurrence.

Free Fight In A K'loon Bar

A free for all at the Red Lion Inn resulted in four stewards of the Empire Hallidale appearing before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning charged with disorderly conduct and assault.

They pleaded guilty to the former charge but denied assaulting a bar boy.

The defendants were Alexander Norris, 20, Robert Young, 22, Peter Hammond, 34, James Albert Williamson, 29.

All four were fined $5 each and bound over in $75 for 12 months for disorderly conduct while Robert Young was cautioned for assaulting the bar boy.

Evidence was that on Monday night the defendants went to the Red Lion Inn and asked for a liqueur and on being told that there was none, they became troublesome. When the manager went to call the Police they followed him and when the bar boy walked after the manager the second defendant hit him on the head with a beer bottle.

The fourth defendant told the Court that there was a large crowd around them and the bar boy was inciting the Chinese to hit them. The third defendant, Hammond, declared that he was very drunk and could not have gone in for very much fighting.

The second defendant, Robert Young, admitted having used the bottle, but said he was hit first.

The Magistrate convicted him of assault but said that he believed his story that he was hit by some one.

STREET FIGHT

Also charged before Mr d'Almada with disorderly conduct were four Chinese who were fined $10 each and bound over in $25 for a year.

According to Insp. Orem Cheung Sho and Wan Yuen were arrested in Kunchung Street on Monday when they fought over money. The other two men, Luen Wing-shan and Hon Ling, were arrested on Monday at 341 Nathan Road where they both lived. They were also fighting over money.

FISHED IN WRONG PLACE

Kok Chong-hoi, 27, master of fishing-boat No. 2193V, who was found fishing in prohibited area was fined $25 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

According to the Prosecution, defendant was seen fishing in the prohibited area at the early hours this morning, a space southward and eastward of a line drawn from the east side to the southern entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter and the Public Street Square Pier.

Defendant, pleading guilty, said that he had no idea that the area was prohibited.

Air Force Busy

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dumps, buildings, vehicles and railways in addition to killing large numbers of Red troops. Pilots claimed that 160 were killed at Taechon and more at Ansimdong and newly-captured Tokchon, where the enemy was under constant attack.

Australian fighters attacked troop positions at Ipsok and South African fighters killed some troops at Yongjo and Ubong.

Two enemy fighters appeared over the Yalu River, but did not offer battle.—United Press.

GEN MANSERGH GOES ON LEAVE

Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, GOC-in-C, Hongkong Forces, left for the United Kingdom by BOAC plane at 9 o'clock this morning. General Mansergh, who is travelling via Singapore, will spend Christmas leave in the United Kingdom and is due to return to the Colony in January.

During his absence Major-General G.C. Evans will deputise as Commander of the British Forces in Hongkong.

FROM THE FILES
100 Years Ago

New Carriage Drive

A very valorous correspondent has addressed a letter to us which we publish in our present issue, regarding the practicability of forming a carriage drive from the Albany Barrack to the summit of the Hill to the Eastward.

The pleasure which our correspondent seems to have enjoyed in his rural walks around Victoria Peak, he would fain make patent to the public. His description of the scenery to be viewed from, and the bracing effect of the air to be enjoyed on, the height may tempt even some of the lazy ones to put forth the necessary exertion to carry themselves thither. Admitting the possibility of forming a carriage road, of which we take leave to doubt, the difficulty of procuring funds to compass such an undertaking would prove an insuperable barrier to the scheme which our correspondent proposes. It could not be expected that the Government would fill it with a grant of money, or even with convict labour, while so much remains to be done to the streets and roads immediately within and around the city, nor could it, in these times, be looked for that the community would come forward with the necessary funds. Of what value to the community or even to the Government, has been the lavish expenditure of money upon the road girding the island—now, alas! allowed to become impassable to the horseman. If we mistake not some of the bridges have not been completed to this day. No small amount of money has been expended by the Government on the streets and roads of the city, and a very considerable amount more would be required to make them decent. The open culverts in the upper part of the town is a source of great annoyance to the inhabitants of the dwelling houses near them. As it is not probable any demand will be made upon the time and skill of the Surveyor-General for the execution of the work proposed by our correspondent, and as these drains are certainly obnoxious and destroy the usefulness of the roads, we would be glad to see him give the matter his attention.

Police Intelligence

On the 4th instant, Wo-sien-hong, the Teipo of Sookoonpoo, sent three men to drive three cows to plough ground near Burn's Point. In the evening, two of the men returned, stating that the fifth man named Archong and the cows had been carried off by about ten men, armed with swords who came over the hill. From information obtained by the owner of the cows, the Police went to a small retired village called "Choong-hau" situated in rear of the Joss house at Stanley, where they found the stolen cows, and the man Archong with irons on his legs, in a small house for storing grass.

Three men were apprehended one of whom is identified as being one of those who carried off the cows, and all three are committed for trial. Upon searching near the place, a man was found, also with irons on his legs, in a cave formed by digging the earth from under a large rock. This man stated that he was a master stone cutter living near Cow-loon and was seized a month before when walking near Burn's Point by some armed men, who conveyed him to the place where the Police found him, and he had remained, there in irons until released, being watched and fed by men who were occasionally changed.

Hongkong Race 185

The Race stated in the Programme as not yet decided for the 3rd Day will be:—

The Hongkong Plate, value $100, for all Horses. The winner of either the Pleasonanti Gleneely or the Canton Cup excluded.—Weight for inches 9st 7lb hands 4 inches and upwards to carry 12st, 7lb allowed for every inch below. Entrance $5 each to go to the Fund. Distance 1 mile.

John King, 5th Regiment
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 2nd December,

INJURED PILOT LEAVES

Mr Leigh Murray, the pilot who crashed while testing a Cathay plane over Hongkong a few weeks ago and lost his leg, left Kai Tak this morning by Cathay, under his wife's

IN THE GRAND MANNER

The long formal gown is once again firmly ensconced in the fashion picture as popular as the enchanting short evening gowns. Our latest air shipment reveals a most varied magnificent group of "LOVELIEST" long and short formals, cocktail suits and dresses and separates in all TO-DAY'S most-talked-about individual silhouettes and sizes including an ample collection for large women.

LUXURIOUS FURS .....
Give her a natural ranch mink cape like the picture, or rather a mink coat — they will be worn proudly day and night. For the thrifty, choose from Mode Elite's superb fur collection of "DIOR" inspired cape-jackets, cape-stoles, muskrat-backs, beaver dyed moutons, fur fascimiles of leopards, Persian Lambs, broadtails, etc.

THE RETURN OF THE FOX .....
Also air-delivered the lastword "Black fox stoles 76 inches long, white fox stoles, gold and white fox stoles, of equal length, silver fox and sable blended kolinsky neckwear sets."

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Mr Zee-Min Lee's Piquant Book

Mr James Zee-Min Lee's first book, "Chinese Potpourri," has just come off the press. It is, as its title implies, a jumble of things Chinese told in a readable, though unsophisticated style.

With this book Mr Lee fulfills the expectation of many of his friends who had hoped that he would one day assemble in a single unit all the data he has collected from years of constant rambling in his native land.

"Chinese Potpourri" is replete with information about China. The book is divided into chapters, each dealing with a specific theme. Mr Lee discusses his subjects with an easy fluidity. His narrative bears the stamp of expert assurance, though he makes no effort to provide the source for most of his material.

Some chapters are profoundly informative; others give the appearance of being derived from familiar text-books.

Mr Lee seems to be entirely in his element when he writes about the glories of the Great Wall or the charms of Chinese court beauties. The chapters on music and calligraphy, however, are dull because of his laborious efforts to inject erudition.

SAD AND WONDERFUL

It is a sad, though strangely wonderful China that Mr Lee paints. He dips his brush into the deepest crevices of the past and emerges with a panorama that is an extraordinary pageant of high adventure, subtle cruelties and magnificent folly.

The China of fable is in the book—not the superficial China of the coastal cities where the author lived. Page after page exposes his bias in favour of the lost old days. Chapter after chapter concludes with a lament. Tired of the restless tumult of contemporary affairs, he seems to deplore the passing of the era when the mutterings of a distant warlord was the only disturbance to Imperial rule.

Mr Lee's chief charm is his negation of all efforts to impress. He approaches his task with one aim in view—to tell a story. It is clear that he is not an essayist in the usual tradition; his style is not particularly elegant. It is choppy, irregular, but full of the stimulating irresponsibility of everyday speech.

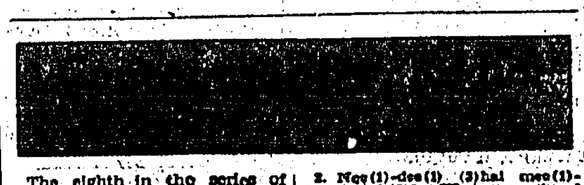
"Chinese Potpourri," in short, is a convincing, extremely instructive book. It is not a champagne of books but it is full of the delightful piquancy that makes good [illegible] Alberto da Cruz.

Alleged Assault By Army Cook

Phillip Thomas Welsford, 21, military cook of 8 Coy, RASC, Causeway Bay was brought before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of assaulting a Chinese cook, Mak Ping, on November 24 at the camp.

According to Det.-Sub-Inspector Chow, defendant kicked Mak in the abdomen while the two were together in the cookhouse after defendant had requested complainant to clean a table. Mak was taken to Queen Mary Hospital by military ambulance.

Date of hearing was fixed at [illegible]



The eighth in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr. S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson's Vocabulary:

32. (2)yeh	Things.	
33. mui(1).	What?	
34. (2)dzoh.	To do.	To make.
35. gwen(3).	To see.	To feel.
36. lok(6).	A final sound expressing or emphasising finality.	

Combinations:
1. Mui(1) (2)yeh? What?
2. Mee(1) (2)yeh? What?
3. (2)Dzoh-mee(1)-(2)yeh? To do what? What's the matter?
4. (2)Hoi mee(1)-(2)yeh? What for?

General Expressions:
1. Dzoh(3) (1)sum. Good morning.
2. Daw(2) gwen(3). See you again.

2. Nay(1)-dee(1) (2)hai mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What are these? What is this?
3. Gaw(2)-gaw(2) (2)hai mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What is that?
4. Gaw(2)-dee(1) (2)hai mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What are those? What is that?

Conversation:
1. A. Dzoh(3)-(1)sum. Good morning.
2. B. Sum(3) (1)sum. Good morning.
3. (2)Nay (1)lai (2)dzoh-mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What are you doing, sir? Why are you working?
4. A. (2)Ngaw (1)lai gwen(3) (2)kui. I am coming to see him.
5. B. (2)Kui (1)m hai(2) nee(1)-shue(3). He is not here.
6. A. (2)Kui hai(2) been(1)-shue(3) ah(3)? Where is he?
7. B. (2)Kui hai(2) gaw(2) shue(3). He is there.
8. A. (2)Kui (2)kui(2) mee(2) shue(2) (2)dzoh-mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What is he doing there?
9. B. (2)Kui hai(2) gaw(2)-shue(3) (2)dzoh-(2)yeh. He is working there.
10. (2)Nay hai(2) gaw(2) (2)kui mai(3)? Are you going to see him? Will you go to see him?
11. A. (2)Ngaw (1)m hai(2) gwen(3) (2)kui lok(6). I am not going to see him. I will not go to see him.
12. Daw(2) gwen(3) ... See you again.

If a Daw(2) mui(1) ... [illegible]